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## Grayling Junior Miss program drawing near



**EXCITEMENT BUILDS TOWARD NAMING OF 1996 GRAYLING JR. MISS**—Excitement is building as 10 local young ladies prepare for the Grayling Junior Miss program on Saturday, Jan. 27. This year's theme is "Country Togetherness." Above (L to R) contestants Kate Brunskill, Jennifer Jurkovich, Brandyn Noteare and Cheryl McCurdy modeled bridal gowns during the recent downtown Christmas Walk. Other contestants not pictured are Ann Becka, Angela Floriano, Autumn Smith, Meaghan Gosling, Mary Hibbard and Shannon Wakeley. The girls welcomed breaks from their busy schedules of school and rehearsals by enjoying an old-fashioned sleep-over during Christmas vacation at the Bateson residence. Recently they had fun skiing at Hanson Hills. Tickets for the Grayling Junior Miss program are on sale at Mac's Drugs.

## McLachlan discloses contract with CESW

By Terry Wright  
News Editor

The conflict of interest controversy over the role Commissioner Robert McLachlan Sr. has played in attempts to increase landfill business in Crawford County, was heightened on Wednesday, Jan. 3, when McLachlan disclosed he is, and has been, under contract with City Environmental Services Inc., of Waters (CESW, formerly City Environmental Services Inc., of Northern Michigan).

He said the agreement, which he had never before disclosed to the public, is a five-year, non-competition agreement, which pays him \$3,000 quarterly, or a total of \$60,000.

City Management Corporation, parent company of CESW, purchased the Crawford-Otsego Landfill on Dec. 18, 1991. At that time McLachlan was the Chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and signed the closing agreement on behalf of the commission.

The controversy stems from the fact that only a week prior to signing the landfill closing agreement, McLachlan had accepted a bid from City Management to purchase Milltown Refuse, his own trash hauling business for \$660,000.

He was paid for his business in four specific segments: 1) assets, 2) routes, 3) five-year consulting contract at \$20,000 per year; and, 4) five-year non-competition covenant at \$12,000 per year.

At the January 1993, yearly organizational meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, McLachlan disclosed his consulting contract, but did not disclose the non-competition contract.

When allegations of conflict of interest were raised over his consulting contract, McLachlan asked officials at CESW to release him, which they did in January 1994, with a final payment of \$40,000.

At that time Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney John Huss, who had been asked for an opinion on McLachlan's situation, wrote to board chairman Dennis Long, "... it would appear that as of January 4, 1994 Commissioner Robert A. McLachlan

no longer has any interest directly or indirectly in or with City Environmental Services Inc., of Northern Michigan."

Huss continued, "Commissioner McLachlan no longer has a conflict of interest as to matters involving the landfill. Mr. McLachlan is now prevented by law from affiliating himself in any way manner or form, directly or indirectly, with City Environmental Services Inc., of Northern Michigan during his term of office (or any extension thereof) and for one year thereafter unless any matters before the Board involving the landfill have been approved by 3/4 of the members of the County Board of Commissioners and so shows on the minutes of the Board together with a showing that the Board is cognizant of the member's interest."

Since that time, McLachlan has made no other disclosures of conflicts or incompatibilities, but his decision to disclose the non-competition agreement now could be as a result of that information surfacing recently in public documentation of a Michigan State Police (MSP) investigation of McLachlan, conducted between March 9, 1992, and Feb. 24, 1994.

In that investigation, MSP detectives interviewed McLachlan and others about the sale of his business, his role in the sale of the landfill, and allegations of conflict of interest.

At the time of the investigation's closure, no decisions or conclusions were documented, but it was noted that it would be re-opened if additional investigation is warranted.

Just prior to McLachlan's recent disclosure to the board of commissioners, Huss presented a general opinion on conflicts of interest. He said commissioners may not participate in board decisions in which they have a direct or indirect financial interest.

Huss also said that although the Michigan Legislature prohibits conflicts of interest, there is no criminal provision for dealing with a statutory breach.

He said, "The only remedy available, outside of the political process, would involve seeking

judicial intervention in the form of a civil restraining order."

After his disclosure, McLachlan said his contract is not a conflict because any decision he has, or might take part in, has no bearing on his

finances. He said the contract sets a specific amount of money that he is paid, and no decision by the board can change it.

"I have no input or output to that

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## County deer herd in danger of starvation

Early and severe snows are causing the northern Michigan deer herd to suffer from the inability to dig for acorns, or to get to their natural browsing areas. Hundreds may have already died due to starvation. Others have perished to the predatory coyote, who, running on top of the crusted snow, has no difficulty overtaking weak or stranded deer.

According to Skip Madsen of Skip's Sport Shop in Grayling, "It's pretty serious, especially here in Crawford County because of the ice crust."

But Skip and Gail Madsen, and other local animal activists, are doing something about the situation. They have been actively collecting donations, buying alfalfa and corn, and delivering it to the areas where the deer are "yarding up" together.

They have established a "Save the Critters" fund at the Grayling State Bank and would be very appreciative of any help that could be given.

"We've raised close to \$3,000 now," Madsen said. "We've had a good response from downstate people. We're currently feeding at eight different locations across the county."

Skip said John Stampfli of Stampfli Sawmill in Grayling, has donated his time to deliver the food on a daily basis.

"We can't save them all," Madsen said, "but we're going to try."

He said if people know of large pockets of deer, 30 or more, they should call him and he and the Save the Critter volunteers would attempt to get food to them. If people would like to volunteer their labor, he said they should contact Stampfli.

He also said personnel at Camp Grayling have been very helpful plowing and opening roads into deer yard areas.

"We also are encouraging homeowners who have deer coming

into their yards to feed them," Madsen said. "But once they start, they have to continue through the winter. We may have to feed deer for up to 100 days this year."

He said alfalfa and corn are

available at any feed store or at Skip's. Donations can be sent to Save the Critters, Grayling State Bank, P.O. Box 548, Grayling, MI 49738, or they can be dropped off at Skip's Sport Shop.



**LOOKING FOR FOOD**—This deer, photographed at a feeding station off McIntyre's Landing Road, probably won't starve this year, but a great number of deer in northern Michigan can't get to their browsing areas, nor can they dig under the snow for acorns. If the severe weather holds, before the end of the winter, thousands of deer will starve or fall prey to coyotes.

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Principles of Management	Tuesday	6:00-9:25 pm
Credit and Collections	Tuesday	6:00-9:25 pm
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## Commission undecided on '96 chairperson

At the yearly organizational meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 3, members of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners failed in an attempt to name a chairperson for the 1996 year.

Commissioner Dennis Long, who has chaired the commission for the past three years, declined the nomination saying, "It is the highest honor to be elected to the chair three times, but with all due respect I decline

the nomination. It's time we see a different chair."

Long then nominated Commissioner John Hartman for the position. Commissioner Robert Smock Jr. nominated Commissioner Kathy Black and the nominations were then closed.

A secret ballot vote disclosed a 3-3 tie.

Commissioner Robert McLachlan Sr. then made a motion for Sandra Moore, the County Clerk to act as the chair until the deadlock could be broken at a later date. The vote passed by a 5-1 vote, with Smock casting the dissenting vote.

Prior to the vote Commissioner Bruce Bretzke asked each of the candidates to explain their agenda and "why they would like to be the Captain of the helm."

Hartman said, "If elected I would do the best job I could to run the meetings fairly. I have no

preconceived ideas, just to run the county in the most cost effective manner."

Black said, "I would do my best to represent the citizens of the county. I have no specific agenda, but there are several policies which need to be addressed."

After the vote Bretzke made a motion to honor Long, as the past chair, with a plaque of recognition and appreciation. The motion passed unanimously.

Both Hartman and Black were then nominated for the vice-chairmanship. Both declined.

It was decided that, until the election of a new chair, all committees would remain under the direction of their 1995 chairpersons.

In other commission business, a 1996 budget was adopted with minor revisions from recommendations previously submitted by Treasurer Joseph Wakeley.

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company," McLachlan said.

However, Commissioner Bretzke balked at the disclosure asking, "Are you getting paid now?"

McLachlan answered that he is.

"Was I misled by the board?" Bretzke asked. "I was under the impression you had severed all relations with the landfill."

McLachlan replied that he has no performance obligations under the non-competition contract.

"Nothing is contingent on how I vote on landfill issues," McLachlan replied.

"I think I was misinformed," Bretzke said.

The board later voted to ask Huss specifically whether McLachlan's contract is a conflict of interest with his duties as a commissioner. Huss was asked to present his findings, in writing, at the Tuesday, Jan. 9 board meeting.

## DISTRICT COURT

Appearing before The Honorable Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Ibrahim Alkas Mikha, 40, of Detroit, plead guilty to the charge of Illegal Possession Untagged Deer, and was fined \$120 in fines and costs. He was cited Nov. 21, 1993, by the conservation department.

Karl Joseph Andress, 34, of Roscommon, plead guilty to the charge of Furnish Alcohol, Minor, and was fined \$240 or 30 days. He was cited Oct. 15, 1995, by the conservation department.

Jamie Marie Schweitzer, 19, of Grayling, plead guilty to the charge of Attempt Fail To Return Rented Property Under \$100, and was fined

\$110 or 10 days. She was cited Sept. 19, 1995, by the city police.

Dale Gene Lacko, 43, of Roscommon, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Assault With A Dangerous Weapon. A \$1,000 personal bond was set.

Jeffrey Alan Brady, 29, of Ionia, demanded a preliminary exam on the charge of Assault With Intent To Commit Murder. A \$100,000 cash or surety bond was set.

James Rodney Perna, 45, of Roscommon, was bound over to circuit court on the charge of Home Invasion 2nd Degree. A \$5,000 cash or surety bond was set.

## MAGISTRATE

Appearing before Magistrate Jean Callewaert:

Richard James Felver of Grayling, was fined \$170 for Transport Loaded Firearm In Motor Vehicle.

## RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Firing will begin on Jan. 10 through Jan. 12, and Jan. 16 through Jan. 17.

For further information, call (517) 3708 or 1-800-628-5820.

## Stupak to hold town hall meeting in Frederic

Congressman Bart Stupak will hold a town hall meeting in Frederic, on Wednesday, Jan. 10, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at 7564 Kelly Avenue in Frederic.

"I wish to invite anyone in Crawford County and in the surrounding region, to stop by the town hall meeting I'm holding on Wednesday," Stupak said. "I hold open town hall meetings and find they are an excellent way to keep in touch with the people."

Along with issues of local interest, Congressman Stupak will discuss the recent federal government shutdown.

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## Ionia man charged with intent to murder

rived.

He was later apprehended by Michigan State Police in Ionia. Three knives were found in his vehicle. He was held in Ionia County until a felonious assault warrant was issued from Crawford County.

Neither the father nor the brother were injured in the incident. The father stated Brady was very distraught over a recent separation from his wife.

Crawford County deputies are continuing their investigation.

## Secretary of State offices to be closed for winter holidays

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller

by fax.

Customers renewing in branch offices can expect fastest service midmorning, midafternoon, midweek and midmonth. Secretary of State offices are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with most branch offices open Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Motorists whose drivers licenses or license plates expire over the long weekends, should renew early. For added convenience, customers may renew vehicle license plates by mail or

on Monday, Feb. 19.

The Michigan Historical Museum, operated by the Department of State and located at 717 W. Allegan St. in downtown Lansing, will also be closed on Jan. 15.

## Crawford County Sheriff Department Sheriff Patrol

By Linda Sherwood

### For the week of Jan. 1-8

The Crawford County Sheriff Department responded to 79 incidents during the week of Monday, Jan. 1 to Monday, Jan. 8.

There were two snowmobile accidents during the week. A snowmobile and truck collided near Billman Road on Sunday, Jan. 7. There were no injuries. A second accident involving a snowmobile resulted in injuries. The accident occurred around 12:54 p.m. on southbound I-75 on Monday, Jan. 1.

A snowmobile was stolen on Saturday, Jan. 6, at approximately 9:21 p.m. The '96 Articat was taken from north Old US 27. The snowmobile has not yet been recovered.

On Friday, Jan. 5, deputies investigated a complaint of minors in possession of alcohol at the Grayling High School.

A breaking and entering occurred on south Stephan Bridge Road on Sunday, Jan. 7. A break-in also occurred on Poplar Avenue on Sunday. Food stamps were taken on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Deputies investigated three public peace disturbances, five conservation incidents, 17 accidents, five incidents of family trouble and eight suspicious situations. One of the suspicious situations was a report of a man dressed as a woman at 3:15 a.m. at Charlie's Country Corners. The 53-year-old man was advised to move on by officers.

### For the week of Dec. 25-Jan. 1

The Crawford County Sheriff Department responded to 120 incidents during the week of Monday, Dec. 25 to Monday, Jan. 1.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, deputies investigated a report of a man with a knife. The subject fled before officers arrived on the scene.

There were four burglaries reported during the week. On Christmas Day, a burglary attempt was made on Monty Lane at approximately 9:30 a.m. Other B&E's occurred on Conners Flat Road, Old Lake Road and East M-72.

### For the week of Dec. 18-25

The Crawford County Sheriff Department responded to 81 incidents during the week of Monday, Dec. 18 through Monday, Dec. 25.

A guitar was reported stolen from the Frederic Elementary School on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Other items reported stolen during the week include a pair of athletic shoes, a 2-sled snowmobile trailer, and four guns from a residence on West Batterson Road.

There were two snowmobile accidents. The first occurred on Friday, Dec. 22. The second accident occurred Saturday, Dec. 23 at approximately 3:30 a.m. near Bradford Lake Hills. Both accidents resulted in injuries.

There were 26 accidents, 17 of which involved deer. Deputies also investigated five suspicious situations, three family trouble incidents, seven conservation matters, and one assault.

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For further information, call (810) 682-7616, or write Michigan Pageants, Inc., 2474 Pontiac Drive, Sylvan Lake, MI 48320.

## Amateur radio testing at Grayling High School

The Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills will conduct amateur radio "ham" examinations on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m., at Grayling High School.

Amateur radio operators, who must be licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), operate 2-way radio equipment from their homes and cars. They communicate with other hams across town or across the world on special sets of radio frequencies, or bands, that are set aside for amateur radio use.

Just about anyone can be a ham—there are no age limits. Many people with disabilities find a door to the world in amateur radio. Getting a ham radio license is easier than you may think. In the U.S., the novice (beginners) license requires only passing a 30-question written exam on basic electronic theory and FCC rules and regulations, along with copying and sending Morse code at five words per minute. A codeless technician license is also available, allowing voice operation on several bands, including the popular 2-meter band, without the Morse code requirement.

Exams will be conducted for all six amateur radio license classes from novice to extra. The test is administered by ARRL/VEC certified volunteer examiners. The FCC specified test fee is \$6.05.

Pre-registration would be appreciated, but walk-ins will be accepted. To register, or for additional information call Ken Wright-W8MLP at (517) 348-8022 days, (517) 348-2597 evenings.

## Local student participates in dance concert at CMU

Julie Hinderleider of Grayling, was involved in Central Michigan University's (CMU) Orchesis Dance Theatre performances Dec. 1 and 2, in CMU's Warriner Auditorium.

Eleven dances, ranging from the serious to the lighthearted, were performed. They included works in funky jazz, lyrical dances and ballet, interspersed with messages about love, loneliness and leaves, according to Yvette Crandall, artistic director and head choreographer.

Additional choreography was provided by Toni Smith-Holmes, owner of Toni's Dance Studio in Mt.

Pleasant; Mark Saltzman, director of the Harrison Dance and Creativity Centre Inc.; and two CMU students.

Crandall formed Orchesis Dance Theatre from the CMU Modern Dance Club more than 25 years ago, when a group of students expressed an interest in performing modern dance. She uses ballet as the base of most of her dances, though each dance is unique in style.

Hinderleider, who graduated from Grayling High School, danced in the production. She is a sophomore at CMU, studying physical therapy. She is the daughter of Tom and Barbara Hinderleider.

## Luzerne holds Winter Funfest

The second annual Luzerne Winter Funfest will be held Jan. 13 through 21. This year, the event starts and ends with full weekends of snowmobile racing.

Getting the Funfest off to a roaring-good start will be racers from the Michigan Snowmobile Drag Racing Association. Racers from more than five states plus Canada, will converge on the small community that boasts having the "flattest, fastest, land track in Michigan." Indeed, their claim may be true as last season, the word of the Luzerne track spread, and racers drove for hundreds of miles in all kinds of weather to test their sleds on the airport "runway turned snowmobile drag strip."

This year, even more racers are expected, since Huron Distributors of Alpena has added \$1,000 to the prize money. In honor of their generosity, the race has been named "The Bud Ice Classic."

Closing the festival the next weekend, will be the Fabulous February Racing Circuit. Snowcross racing on Saturday and drag racing on Sunday, highlight an exciting two days.

## Northland's Warm Hands, Warm Hearts program successful again

Local children in need were the recipients of the generous contributions of Northland Area Federal Credit Union members' handmade and store-bought mittens, hats and scarves.

The Mitten Tree program has been going strong for over 10 years, during the Christmas holidays, at each of Northland's 10 offices in Hale, Tawas, AuGres, Oscoda, Harrisville, Glennie,

## Burrell to teach fifth grade at Grayling Middle School



**NEW 5TH GRADE INSTRUCTOR**—Christine Burrell, Grayling Middle School 5th grade teacher, talks with members of her class during a physical education period. (Nancy Lemmen Photo)

By Nancy Lemmen

Christine Burrell has joined the Crawford AuSable School District faculty as a fifth grade teacher at Grayling Middle School and the varsity cheerleading coach at Grayling High School.

Burrell, who received her bachelor of arts degree from Grand Valley State University, has a major in art and a minor in education. She also attended Baker College of Muskegon, where she earned an associate of hospitality management degree.

Burrell has experience as a tutor and

classroom volunteer, and she coached varsity cheerleading at Ravenna High School for five years.

She and husband Brian have a son, Thomas Nolan Burrell.

"We wanted to move to a friendly community atmosphere and Grayling fit that description," said Burrell. "I hope to create a community of friends within the classroom, so everyone feels welcome and of value."

When not working, Burrell enjoys golfing, skiing and coaching cheerleading.

## Make helping the shelter one of your New Year's resolutions

As 1996 begins, it's time to make resolutions for the coming year.

The homeless dogs and cats of Crawford County will benefit greatly if people add "helping the animal shelter" to their list of '96 resolutions.

There are many ways to help. If you wish to donate your time, talent or efforts for the shelter, please call 348-4117 to offer your services.

If not, you can still be very helpful by making donations. The following items are constantly needed at the animal shelter:

- bleach
- choke chains (extra heavy-duty kind)
- dog food and cat food (preferably not generic)
- dog and cat toys—rubber, squeaky ones for the dogs and catnip for the cats

- dog and cat treats
- donations of money
- Glen's and Carter's cash register slips

- Ken-L Ration and Cycle Homeless Homer symbols

- kitty litter

- laundry detergent

- paper toweling

- particle board

- plastic gloves (throw-away style)

- 2 1/2-3 gallon hard plastic pails

- short hard plastic pails (for puppies)

- large plastic tarps

- rolls of quarters for the laundromat

- scrub brushes (heavy-duty kind)

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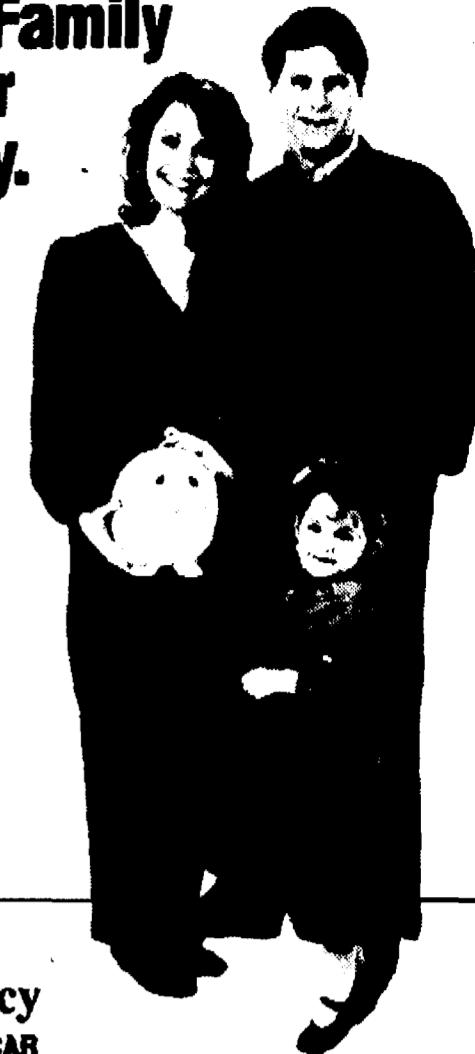
•trash bags

•work gloves and winter gloves

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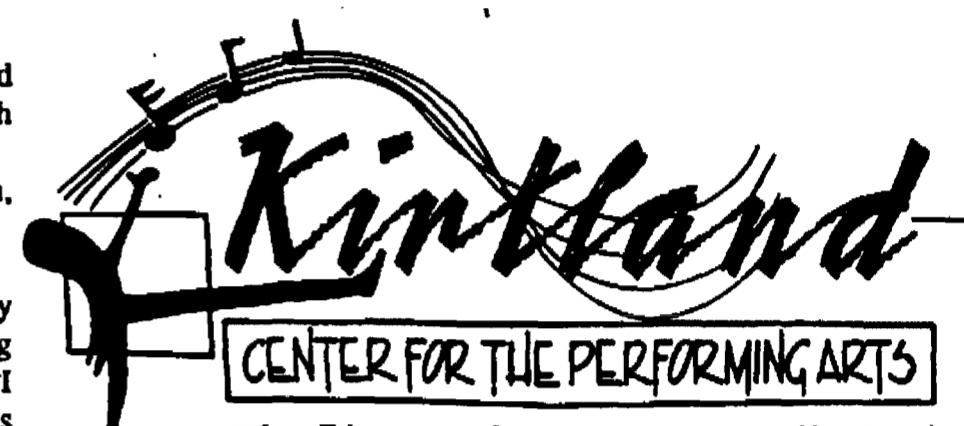


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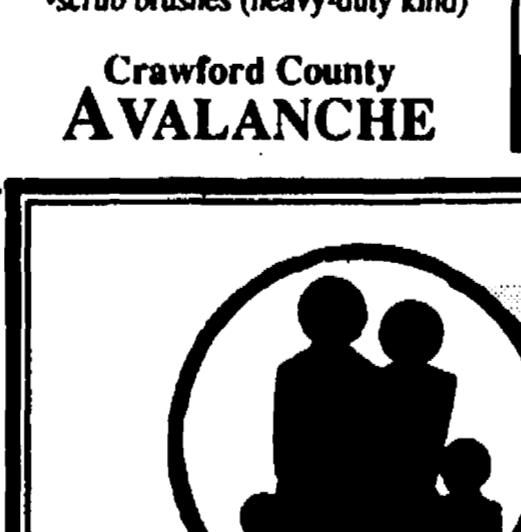
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## Northland's Warm Hands, Warm Hearts program successful again

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This year, over 750 items were collected and distributed to local schools and charities, for children who would otherwise go without. Over the years, the care and concern shown by Northland's members have made a difference in the lives of thousands of children and their families.

The Mitten Tree program has been going strong for over 10 years, during the Christmas holidays, at each of Northland's 10 offices in Hale, Tawas, AuGres, Oscoda, Harrisville, Glennie,

# ISSUES AND OPINIONS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Winter recreationists should respect each others' space

To the editor,  
Thanks to Dick Fultz for bringing the issue of irresponsible snowmobiling to everyone's attention.

Crawford County is a beautiful place to live and play. There are so many opportunities here for those of us who love the outdoors. Because there is so much to do in Crawford County, and limited land, we often cross into each other's area to enjoy our favorite sports.

Hanson Hills is dedicated to offering the best cross-country skiing that we possibly can. In order to do this, we groom our trails daily, which takes approximately 5-6 hours. Earlier this season, hunters thought that our groomed trails were for them to drive 4-wheel-drive vehicles on, and now snowmobiles are our constant aggravation. Even if our trails are beautifully groomed in the morning, by afternoon we get reports from skiers that snowmobiles are already interfering with our marked trails.

Cross-country skiers are particular

about where they ski. They have a standard for the snow conditions that they will ski on, and for good reason. They can go other places (towns) and find the conditions they are looking for. In our effort to bring cross-country skiers back to Hanson Hills to enjoy our beautiful terrain, we are often beating our heads against the wall because of the "yahoos" that Dick refers to.

I am for anything that makes Grayling a better place to live and play. Cross-country skiing has enormous potential for positively influencing our tourism trade. Let's try to preserve our designated area. There are beautifully groomed trails for snowmobiling in Crawford County, as well as for cross-country skiing.

If we could all respect each other's space to play, we would all be happier and Grayling would be much more prosperous.

Cindy Olson,  
Grayling

### Sharing a hope of improvement

To the editor,  
Not all of us enter the new year with specific resolutions. We do share, however generally, a hope that all things will improve in our future. And on our next holiday, during February, many will enjoy cherry pie in celebration of a true story from George Washington's boyhood. It has to do with little George's father demanding to know, "who chopped down the cherry tree?" Of course in this test of his integrity, George is quoted to say, "I cannot tell a lie, father, it was I..."

Now without casting aspersions as to ulterior motives, we should note that some of our present elected officials, deny that the above incident really happened. One way they challenge it is to demand immediate proof that the story can be documented beyond a reasonable doubt. Of course they then conclude that since there is no proof that George's fingerprints were on the hatchet, and that the cherry tree ashes lack convincing DNA structure, the story is therefore "fallacious" or "false."

Further, since "when you look who's behind it," the only witness is George's

own father, and he was known to use the "N" word in previous decades, he's biased from the start, therefore, "it's all innuendo."

Since there is no official record of this arboreal fatality, it appears that the prosecutor and sheriff were much too busy with licensing and permit violations. (You just can't have all these colonials growing their own tea in their flower pots without a license, or what will become of the economy?) So the statute of limitations ran out before a record could be made. They just didn't "have the time." (Of course some colonials grumbled up their sleeves about all the continuing extra curricular activities of them both.) So now you know the rest of the story:

a.) George grew up to be a rebel and consorted with militia types.  
b.) We now have politicians who never lie, they only "mis-speak" themselves.  
Happy cherry day.

Joseph Callewaert,  
Retired commissioner and  
retired police officer,  
Grayling

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## ALMANACK

By Richard Milliman

### Clinton? Dole? What does '96 hold?



#### WINNERS

Generally it looks like a Republican year.

After so many years of negativism, Republicans lately seem politically positive. They seem to stand for something instead of strictly against things. And the broad goals Republicans are chasing find favor with the public—less government, balanced budgets, tax cuts.

Democrats have reversed the norm. The public now generally perceives Democrats as against things the Republicans are for, which may not bode well overall for Democrats.

Although all politics may not be local, most politics is. Where Democrats have done a strong job locally, they will come out all right, but that's only in scattered instances.

So it looks like Republicans will keep control of both House and Senate in Washington.

In Michigan, the state House may well tip to Democrats, although that's a toss-up again.

CLINTON OR DOLE—If voters could vote "none of the above" for president, it might receive a majority. Excitement for either major candidate will not be throbbing.

Neither Mr. Clinton nor Mr. Dole attracts supporters who would walk through walls for their champion. Neither draws hidebound backers because of political philosophy or goals. They seem to be two guys who are there.

While Democrats generally have not exhibited sufficient reason for voters

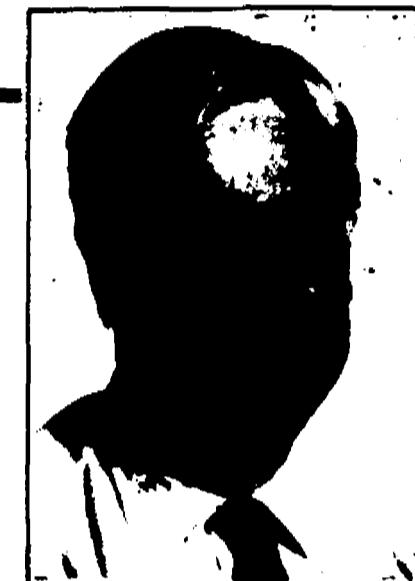
to elect them instead of Republicans, neither has Mr. Dole identified reasons to vote for him instead of the incumbent.

In addition, minority candidates including Ross Perot, will draw some support—largely from the "none of the above" category.

All in all, it looks like the Clinton-Gore ticket will eke out another win, again with less than a popular majority. It will not be a ringing endorsement, but it will be enough.

SUPER BOWL—How about the 1996 Super Bowl? Who will win? Sorry. This column never makes predictions about the important things in life.

**Richard Milliman** is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.



## JIM FITZGERALD

### Grumpiness is being out of remote control

and I carry it gravely, like Radio City Music Hall.

The skillful use of three separate and distinct remote clickers is required, unless I want to risk standing up and walking across the room, which would be brave, but what if I stumbled and fell? It is inexcusably foolhardy to put valuable leadership assets in jeopardy unnecessarily, as potentially wasteful as stationing General Schwarzkopf in a front-line trench.

The three clickers are located strategically on the bare surface of the small table on the right side of my chair, three abreast, always in the same order—cable box, TV, VCR, from left to right—so I can press the keys without looking at them. The touch system, as in typewriting.

This system, naturally, requires that the clickers never be picked up or otherwise moved. But when my wife puts a damned rewarded plant on the coffee table, I lose control. My eyes can see the TV screen, but my fingers are powerless. The flora blocks my electronic access to Radio City Music Hall.

Oh, I can hold a clicker high over my head and point it down while almost standing up. Or I can clutch a clicker unfamiliarly in my left hand and stretch my body awkwardly over my chair's left armrest, waving wildly and knocking over a lamp.

Talk to plants, VCR at the same time

Sometimes those desperate gyrations enable me to circumvent the

rewarded flora. But where's the dignity?

Where's the great satisfaction that comes from being able to silence a commercial without once looking up from my newspaper? (I put down my paper for only two programs, "60 Minutes" and "NYPD Blue.")

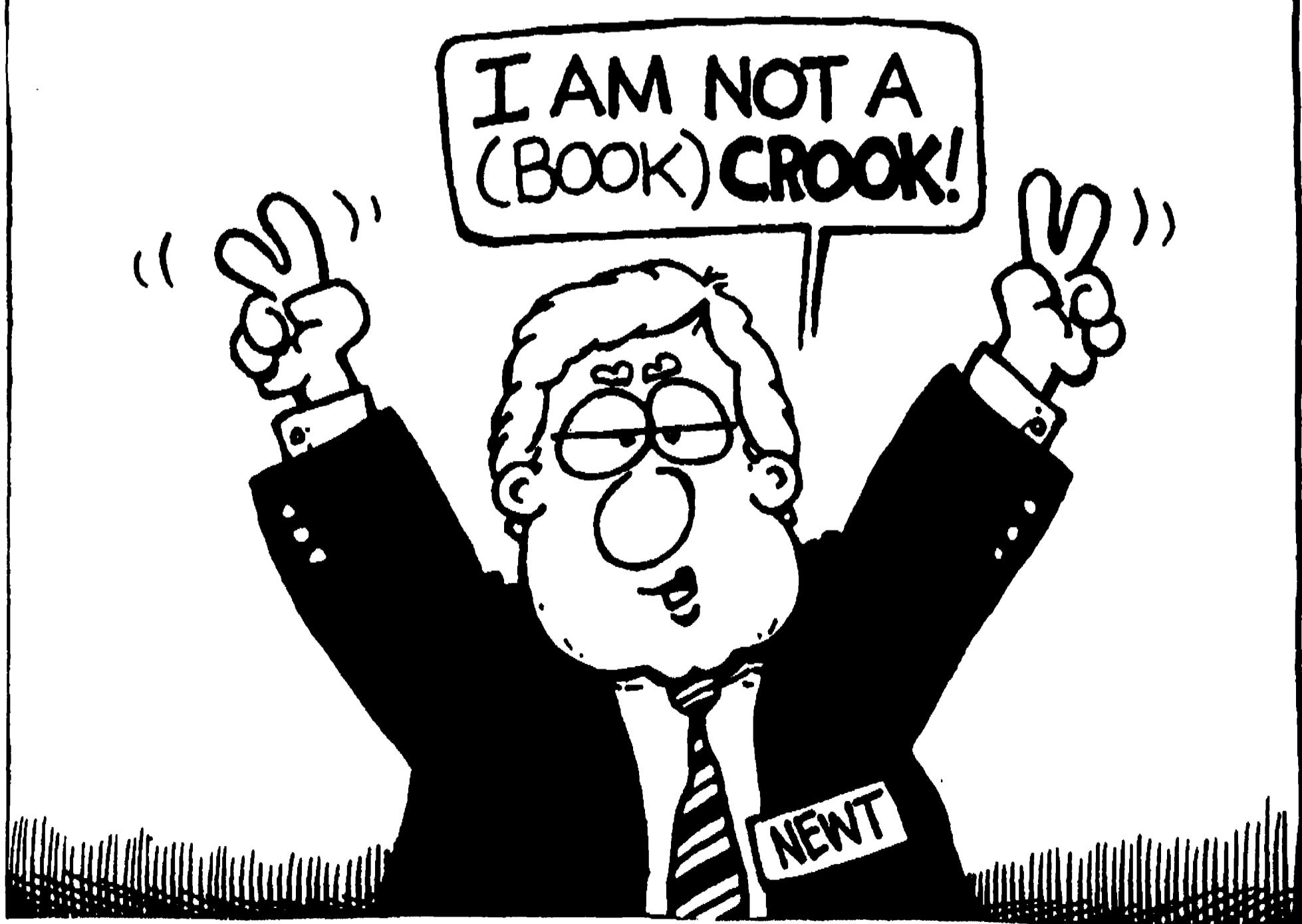
I recently read that 80 percent of the people can't program their VCR. Well, I can. I can set that baby so it will turn on at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday to tape an old "WKRP in Cincinnati," turn off at 4 a.m., and turn on again three days later at 10 p.m. to tape "NYPD Blue."

(And when I return home and discover "NYPD Blue" was abruptly switched to 8 p.m., I want to reward a plant by smashing it against the head of an ABC executive. Talk about grumpy.)

I also recently read that the latest modern electronic technology is a device that allows you to program a VCR by talking to it.

Onward and Upward. If I replace my clickers with a talker, I'll have to holler like Tarzan and swing toward Radio City Music Hall on a rewarded vine.

#### COMMUNITY



# Camp Grayling looks to 1996 and beyond

1996 promises to be a year of hard work toward important goals, by the leadership and staff of Camp Grayling Army and Air National Guard Training Site, as well as some tough challenges to be faced, according to Colonel Joe LaGrow, Camp Grayling commander and Lieutenant Colonel Gary McConnell, training site manager.

In terms of its primary mission, to train soldiers in their wartime skills, Camp Grayling will host nearly 12,500 soldiers for 2-week annual-training periods, as well as 26,000 soldiers for weekend training throughout the year. These numbers indicate a slight increase from the 11,500 soldiers trained last summer, while the weekend count should remain the same. A permanent staff of military and civilian employees numbered at 215, has been reduced by a state-employee layoff of 24 persons in early November. Funding should permit their recall in April.

Of the units that normally train at Camp Grayling, elements of the 238th Aviation Regiment, Grand Ledge, are currently providing aviation support in Haiti, and are scheduled to return early in 1996. In a recent callup to support peace-keeping objectives in Bosnia, two other Michigan units, Military Police units from Taylor, have been mobilized. Within Michigan, 125 engineer troops were ordered to state active duty to aid in the snow emergency declared by Governor Engler in Chippewa County. Items of equipment for this snow-removal project were transported to Sault Ste. Marie by Camp Grayling employees. Serving our nation and the people of our state, when called upon, is why the Guard exists.

A first for Camp Grayling was the October firing of the Multiple Launch Rocket System. The First Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery Regiment, based in Detroit, Lansing and Bay City, converted from cannon artillery to rockets in 1993, and began training to operate and maintain the highly-technical rocket system. This firing, the first at a reserve-component facility, was combined with the collection of environmental test data, to determine the impact of rocket exhaust on the physical environment. The completed report will be available for public examination and comment, probably in March. After public comment is received, Guard officials will determine if further firing of the rockets is suitable for Camp Grayling.

Construction of a Multi Purpose Range Complex (MPRC) within the confines of the Range 30 Complex,

will enter its second and final year, and will be ready for initial use in the 1997 season. Meanwhile, training with the M1 main battle tanks has been restricted to maneuver without firing. When completed, the range will permit realistic training in modern warfare techniques, combining tanks with infantry and with helicopters. Soldiers will benefit with increased battlefield skills and survivability. A Gaylord firm, M & M Excavating, is the primary contractor for the nearly \$8 million project.

Another construction project underway, is a new bulk-fuel storage facility, to replace the aging unit located at the rail spur on the south end of the Grayling Army Airfield. The new location will feature a modern design for leak prevention, detection and containment.

The planning and funding requests for these large construction projects began several years ago, and were granted approval by Congress and the National Guard Bureau. Reduced military budgets are now requiring that we accomplish more with less spending.

One example of this initiative is that all National Guard units in Michigan, now draw their food from Camp Grayling's Troop Issue Subsistence Activity. The Logistics Directorate provided over two million pounds of food items in 1995, valued at over \$1.3 million. A second method of saving money is the re-use of equipment and furnishings from military bases scheduled for closing. Two dozen trips to K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base brought many truckloads of equipment, saving the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Logistics personnel also assisted a team from the Defense Reutilization Marketing Office in conducting a sale of unneeded items to the public, which generated \$12,000.

During their 2-week annual-training period in May, 1995, Camp Grayling's 1438th Engineer Detachment worked on two community projects in Crawford and Kalkaska counties. At the request of community officials, and approved through National Guard command channels at the state level, the Engineers used their heavy-equipment and construction skills to replace a boat launch ramp at Sands Park in Coldsprings Township, and also performed clearing and earthmoving operations at Grayling High School. The school project enabled Crawford AuSable Schools

to jump-start construction of a new athletic facility, a football stadium and running track. Teams of soldiers sharpened their construction skills while performing valuable service to their communities, and saving limited project dollars.

For 1996, members of the 1438th have already coordinated projects to begin construction of soccer fields at the Kalkaska County Fairgrounds, and to add new features to the Crawford County Fairgrounds, such as a snowmobile drag strip and a mudbog pit. The training of soldiers will bring lasting benefits to their communities. Also in Crawford County, talks have begun with the Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association on their concerns of lake-level control and a study of the dam leading to Portage Creek. No work on any of these sites would begin until approvals and permits are secured from the appropriate regulatory agencies.

A cost-saving method to accomplish the tasks of preserving natural areas on Camp Grayling, is to employ engineer units during their training periods. By using the skills of equipment operators, areas have been restored that have suffered from the overuse of all-terrain vehicles and troop training. The Dollar Lake sand hill on M-72 West, is an example. The hilltop was recontoured, topsoil will be added, and tree seedlings and native grasses will be planted. Sites where civilian trash and appliances have been dumped are systematically cleaned up when troops, time and trucks are available. Since this program began in 1991, 350 cubic yards of trash have been removed. These efforts complement the initiatives of the Michigan Coalition For Clean Forests, Adopt-a-Forest Program, and draws in conservation groups, citizen volunteers, businesses, and local, state and federal agencies.

A project, sponsored and funded by National Guard Bureau, was begun in early November, which involved interviews with local citizens and members of groups concerned with the environment around Camp Grayling. The result will be a Community Relations Plan, which will be made public in a few weeks. When implemented, improved communication among citizens and Camp Grayling leadership should

occur on any matters of environmental concern.

Work continues on an extensive environmental assessment of the Range 40 Complex, where artillery and air-to-ground weapons are used. Commencing in 1991, the purpose of the testing is to determine what the impact of military training has been on air, soil, sediments, groundwater, surface water and fisheries in and around the complex. During 1996, groundwater monitoring will continue, with samples analyzed periodically in the independent contractor's laboratory. Work is expected to commence on the study of other ranges, to determine the impact of past-training practices. With this information, management decisions can be made on how best to use and preserve our natural resources.

Throughout the past year, the Camp Grayling Conservation Club has been active with projects promoting good use of natural resources and education. One project completed by the 200+ member club, was conducting a sanctioned hunter-safety program. Forty first-time hunters were taught safety and good sportsmanship. Other projects included sponsoring the children's fishing contest at the AuSable River Festival, the buck pole contest, and an annual birdbath contest for area fourth graders, in which the winner gets a new bicycle. The local club is a member of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

Leaders of Camp Grayling and the Michigan National Guard will continue to train soldiers in their wartime skills, and to meet the needs of the surrounding communities. These must be done with constant attention to safety, professionalism, and the conservation of our natural resources.

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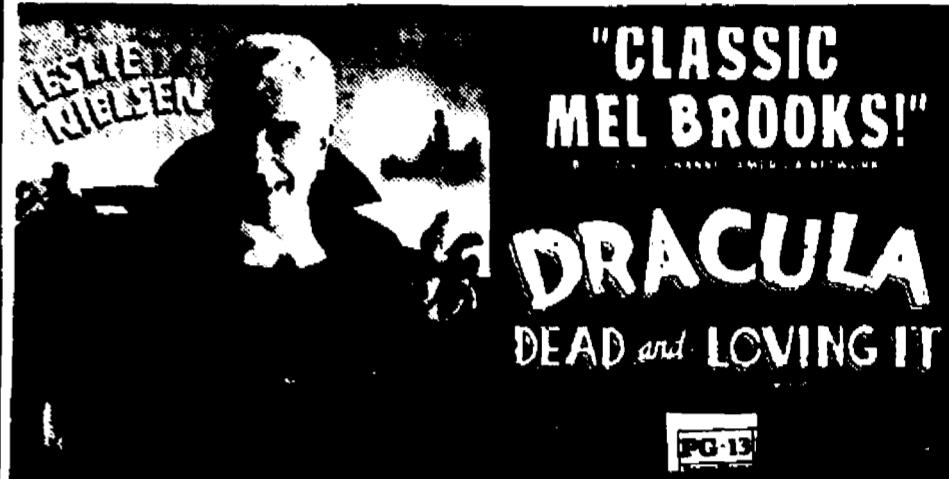
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### JANUARY 1996

MARTIN LUTHER KING'S  
BIRTHDAY - JANUARY 15

THURS. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE &amp; blood sugar screens, 11 am - 12 noon, COA.</li> <li>TOPS MEETING @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call Linda @ 275-9918 for more information.</li> <li>ADULT ED REGISTRATION @ ALC, 9 am - 5 pm, HS, 5 - 9 pm, thru January 19th.</li> <li>MS BBB VS. HOUGHTON LAKE, 7th away, 8th home, 5 pm.</li> <li>WRESTLING VS. WHITTEMORE PRES/R.C., @ Rogers City, 5:30 pm.</li> <li>FRESH BBB VS. CHARLEVOIX, home, 7 pm.</li> <li>"SOUL SURVIVORS" meeting, a confidential support group to help with the journey of healing after suicide, call 348-2236 or 348-5634 for information.</li> </ul>
FRI. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPEND TIME CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, downhill skiing, or snowmobiling in Grayling's winter wonderland.</li> <li>BBB VS. ALCONA, away, 6 pm.</li> </ul>
SAT. 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FRIENDSHIP SINGLES DANCE @ Breakers Steak House, 9 pm - 1 am. Call 348-5507 or 348-8350 for more information.</li> <li>WRESTLING @ OSCODA INVITATIONAL.</li> <li>VB @ GAYLORD INVITATIONAL.</li> <li>ADULT ED CONCERT SERIES "The Macombers" vocal group @ high school auditorium, 8 pm.</li> </ul>
SUN. 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.</li> </ul>
MON. 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AMERICAN ASSOC. OF RETIRED PERSONS meeting @ COA office, 1:30 pm.</li> <li>KIWANIS LUNCHEON MEETING @ 12:10 pm, Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel.</li> <li>MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY.</li> <li>MS BBB VS. KALKASKA, 7th away, 8th home, 5 pm.</li> <li>FRESH BBB VS. WHITTEMORE PRES/COA, home, 7 pm.</li> <li>SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ MS conference room, 7 pm.</li> <li>WELLINGTON FARM PARK citizens advisory board meeting.</li> </ul>
TUES. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ noon, Iron Gate Restaurant.</li> <li>AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON meeting @ Mini Mall Race Office, 7 pm.</li> <li>AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION dinner meeting, 6:30 pm. Call Margaret @ 348-6481 for more information. New members welcome!</li> <li>BBB VS. PETOSKEY, home, 6 pm.</li> </ul>
WED. 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SINGLES FUN NIGHT @ Breakers Steak House, starting at 7 pm. Call 348-5507 or 348-8350 for more information.</li> <li>ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon.</li> <li>WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W., weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.</li> <li>COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 5:30 pm.</li> <li>GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY meeting @ Hanson Hills, 5 pm.</li> <li>LIONS CLUB MEETING @ Breakers Steak House, 6:30 pm.</li> <li>HS &amp; MS EXAMS.</li> <li>VB VS. ROGERS CITY, home 6 pm.</li> </ul>

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Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Interlochen Chamber of Commerce Annette Basler Memorial Scholarship Fund. General admission to this first student jazz presentation of the new year will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students 18 and under. Tickets are available from Interlochen Chamber of Commerce office at 2502 M-137 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and at Giovanni's Restaurant in Interlochen. They will also be on sale at the door.

The Interlochen Jazz Ensemble will also perform *Leilani's Mirror*, a beautiful tune written by the brilliant young pianist Goeff Keezer when he was only 19 years old.

The Interlochen Jazz Combo will perform the Charles Mingus classic *Reincarnation of a Lovebird*. This arrangement of the piece was written by Chicago jazz musician Marshall Ventie for legendary saxophonist Lee Konitz.

Interlochen Arts Academy is the nation's premier fine-arts boarding high school, enrolling 433 students from 45 states and 20 other countries.

The evening's program begins with

## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Cabin Fever Book Club, sponsored by McDonald's of Grayling, will run Jan. 8 through March 8, at the Crawford County Libraries.

To enjoy the Cabin Fever Book Club, visit our local library. Every other visit will earn you a free sandwich from McDonald's of Grayling.

Your local libraries are Crawford County Library with hours of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.;

Frederic Community Library with hours of 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and Lovells Township Library with hours of Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m.

Value Line Investment Survey is available at the Crawford County Library. The weekly updates include a summary and index, ratings and reporting and selection and opinion inserts.

For more information, call 348-9214.

# The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

## Oaths and Honesty

A Louis Harris poll reported that 65 percent of high school students would cheat on an important exam? A noted physician appeared on a network news-and-talk show and proclaimed, "Lying is an important part of social life, and children who are unable to do it are children who may have developmental problems." This view of moral relativity is boldly derisive, degrading and destroying the values of truth and honesty. Society is now reaping the fruit of situational ethics as taught in the 60s by liberal religious leaders.

Jesus Christ faced the same problem with the religious hypocrites of His day. Christ said, "Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: (Matthew 5:33) The Pharisees believed perjury was the only sin which broke God's law concerning oaths. The Pharisees then turned the taking of oaths into a complicated legal system which they alone understood and

controlled. Read Christ's rebuke of them in Matthew 23:16-22.

By turning oath taking into a religious game, the Pharisees have made honesty relative to the nature of the oath taken. Christ rebuked them by teaching that authority in an oath must be limited to God alone: "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black." (Matthew 5:34-36) "Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name." (Deuteronomy 6:13) By taking oaths outside of God's name they were profaning God's name with their oaths. (Exodus 20:7 and Leviticus 19:20)

An oath is a declaration of truth in the presence of a Holy, all powerful God who is witness, judge, and revenger of any falsehood. It is an invocation calling God to bear witness of our

conscience that we are telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Furthermore by oath the swearer is asking God to be the revenger of all lies and is binding himself to Divine punishment if he should lie.

The Pharisees believed the primary reason for an oath was to avoid perjury. Jesus Christ taught that honesty from the heart before God is the goal of an oath. "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." (Matthew 5:37) God is more concerned about the daily honesty of our hearts and lives than our legal reputation before other people. God and the Bible are still the only source and support of absolute truth and honesty.

Pastor "B"

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First Baptist Church Of Frederick  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society  
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
April through October  
2nd Wednesday ..... 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
Pastor J. Douglas Peterson  
400 Michigan Ave.  
348-2974

Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
Coffee Fellowship ..... 12 noon  
Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist  
Pastor David Stramel  
Phone 348-4445  
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).

Church Service ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sabbath School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting Tues ..... 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God  
Rev. Ron Vosler, Pastor  
701 S. 1-75 Business Loop  
Church 348-8885-Personage 348-2588  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children ..... 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society  
Zone 11, 106 James St. - Houghton Lake  
Sunday Ser. & Sunday School ..... 11 a.m.  
1st Wednesday (April-Oct.) ..... 7:30 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter Day Saints  
President Larry A. Cook  
600 North Elm St., Gaylord  
Sacrament ..... 10 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 11 a.m.  
Primary ..... 11 a.m.  
Priesthood ..... 12 noon  
Relief Society ..... 12 noon

## VFW sponsors 'youth essay' competition

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States is proud to announce the new "Youth Essay" competition program. This program was first introduced as the Middle School Speech Essay contest by the Department of Michigan of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. At the National Convention of the VFW in 1995, the Middle School Speech Essay was adopted as a national program, and is now known as the Youth Essay competition program. It is designed to reach out to the seventh, eighth and ninth grade students, in our continuing effort to promote Americanism, patriotism, and to support our nation's youths. Students who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial school in the United States, its territories and possessions, or a

Department of U.S. Military or U.S. civilian personnel in overseas schools are eligible to enter the essay competition. Foreign exchange students are not eligible.

Students who desire to enter this program may check with their school for an application, or they may contact the local sponsoring post or posts within their community or area.

Students who enroll will be required to write, in not less than 300 nor more than 400 words, of their thoughts and ideas on the designated theme. The theme for this year's competition is, "My American Hero." The essay must be typewritten, in English, with no color or art added. When writing the essay, students must take care to not mention their race, national origin, disabilities or in any way identify

themselves, their city, state or school. All essays must be in the hands of the sponsoring post by March 15.

The Grayling Memorial VFW Post 5832, will be offering savings bonds from \$50 to \$100, and a certificate of merit to the top three essay entrants. The student in first place will advance to the district level of competition.

Students advancing will receive an award at each level of the competition. Only one student can represent any one level of competition. Students advancing beyond the post level can receive a savings bond or equivalent from \$50 to \$5,000, at national level.

The commander and members of VFW Post 5832 ask that parents and teachers encourage students to participate in this program, designed especially for them, so they can be a part of what America is all about.

## Ladies of St. John to host luncheon

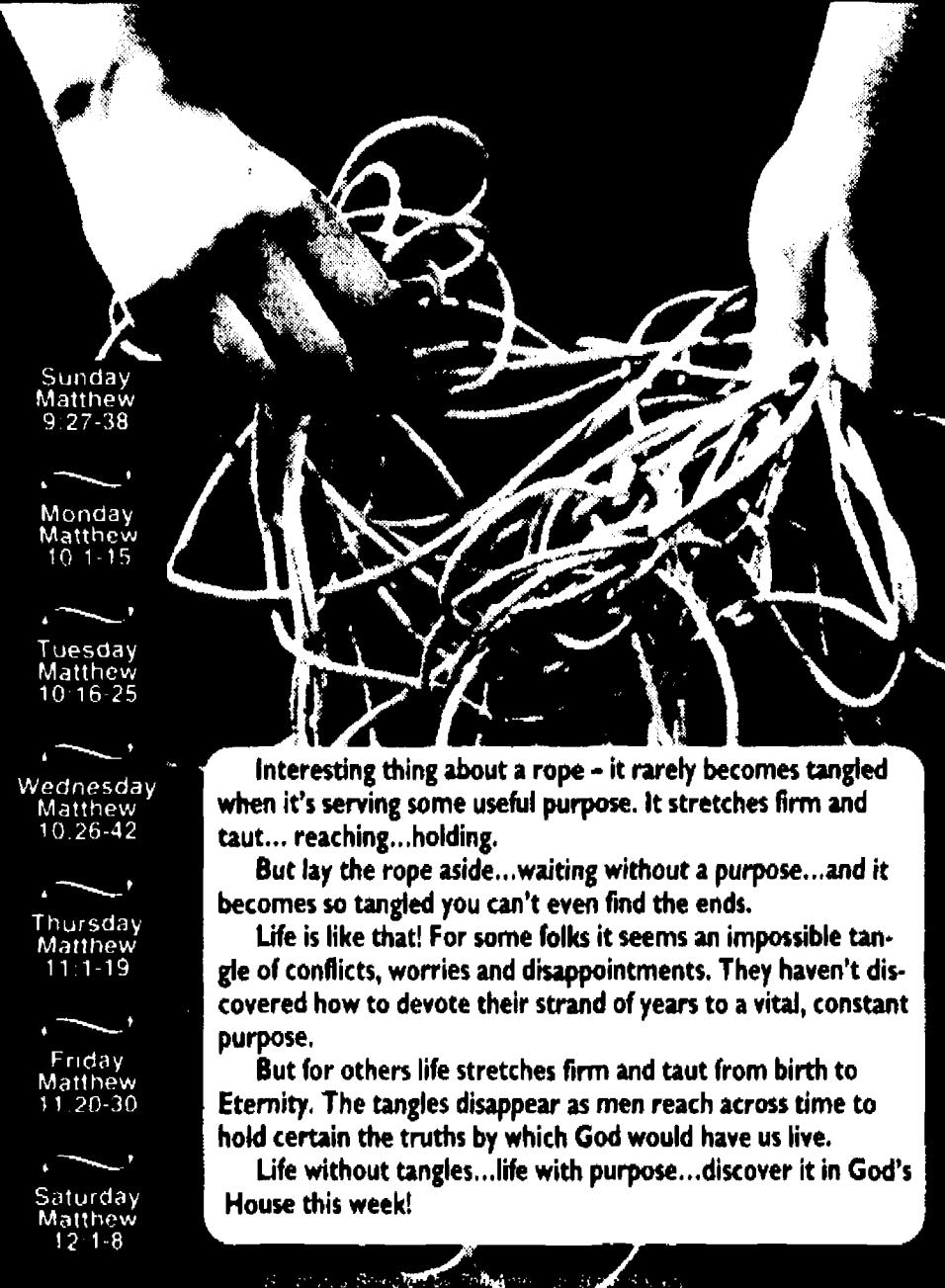
The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon card party in the Fellowship Hall at the church on Wednesday, Jan. 17. The luncheon will be at 12 noon, followed by cards.

Everyone is welcome.

For more information call Dorothy McLeod at 348-9169, or the church office, 348-5224.

## Church Directory

### How Does Life Get So Tangled?



Heritage Baptist  
Pastor Jim Van Liere 348-7699  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
1/4 mile west of 1-75  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... 7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical  
Lutheran (ELCA)  
Pastor Robert Cochran  
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224  
Bible School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church  
Of Jesus Christ  
Of Latter Day Saints  
Pastor Wayne Horton  
Corner of North Down River Rd.  
and Glenn Rd.

Church School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Preaching ..... 11 a.m.  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed  
Rev. V. Schaap  
415 Ohio North  
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 p.m.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church  
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702 Peninsular - 348-7657  
Sacraments

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Sunday ..... 9 & 11 a.m.  
Daily Worship

Tuesday & Thursday ..... 7 p.m.  
Wednesday & Friday ..... 9:30 a.m.  
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# 1996 winter bald eagle survey now underway

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is inviting citizens to participate in the 1996 winter bald eagle count from Jan. 3-17. Coordinated in Michigan by the DNR Wildlife Division's Natural Heritage program, the count is an opportunity for the public to assist with a cooperative nationwide effort of the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Biological Service.

The count will identify the number and locations of wintering eagles. Eagle observations can be reported by sending a postcard by Feb. 1, to this address: Winter Bald Eagle Survey, Department of Natural Resources, Natural Heritage Program, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 30180, Lansing, MI 48909-7680. Observation information should include this information:

• Date and time when you saw the

1995 Summary of bald eagle sightings				
AREA	COUNTIES	ADULTS	IMMATURES	TOTAL
Upper Peninsula	15	302	37	339
Lower Peninsula	51	351	61	412
Statewide	66	653	98	751
Respondents				541

eagle(s).

• County and specific location where you saw the eagle(s).

• Number of eagles seen at that time and location.

• Activity of eagles and any other

pertinent information.

Eve Rolandson, Natural Heritage Education Specialist, recommends looking for eagles as they seek food in open spaces. "Prime viewing opportunities occur near ice-free zones

in lakes and rivers," Rolandson said. "Roadsides in northern Michigan are also a common source for sightings. Motorists should use caution when approaching eagles as they feed on roadkills. These large birds may not move from their food source. Several eagles are killed every winter by vehicles."

During the 1995 count, 751 bald eagle sightings were reported in 66 of Michigan's 83 counties. During the 1995 nesting season, 268 occupied nests produced 291 eaglets.

This winter's eagle survey project is one of many valuable wildlife projects funded with voluntary contributions made to the Nongame Wildlife Fund. You can help Michigan's animals, plants and their vital habitats when you "Look for the Loon" on your state income tax form to make a donation to the Nongame Wildlife Fund.

## Scheer earns Graduate, Realtors Institute designation



Charlene Scheer

Charlene Scheer, broker/owner of RE/MAX of Grayling, announced recently that she has earned her GRI (Graduate, Realtors Institute) designation. The GRI is a professional designation awarded by the Michigan

Association of Realtors, to those who have successfully completed a rigorous course on real estate business. The GRI program is the first step to other degrees and certifications in the industry.

Scheer purchased the RE/MAX of Grayling franchise in 1994, with Craig Hinkle. She resides in Grayling with her husband, Bradley Scheer, and their daughter, Veronica Scheer.

The company has six sales associates, and is an affiliate of RE/MAX of Michigan, the regional real estate franchisor for all territories outside of the Detroit metro area. RE/MAX of Michigan currently serves the state with 79 independently-owned and operated offices, and over 700 RE/MAX sales associates. There are over 100 offices and 1,000 sales associates throughout Michigan.

## M.S.U. EXTENSION

A service of the Crawford County MSU Extension office

### Snow and slush can be hard on carpeting

Snow and slush can make winter driving miserable. They can also make a mess of rugs and carpets in your home.

To prevent permanent damage to your carpeting, remove excess snow and slush immediately. Blot the wet area with paper towels. If the water soaks through to the carpet backing, a brown stain may appear. And once that stain forms, it's almost impossible to remove it.

Salt and ashes that are spread on slippery sidewalks can also damage carpeting. Because salt attracts moisture, it may keep the carpet damp, and that may allow mildew to grow, and brown stains to develop. Ashes are almost always alkaline and are very harmful to carpet dyes. Be sure to remove salt and ashes from your carpeting immediately.

If your carpeting is exposed to heavy winter traffic, it pays to have carpets professionally cleaned several times during the winter season. It's less expensive in the long run to maintain carpeting than to replace it.

#### Miscellaneous cleaning tips

Animal stains

When your pet uses the rug as a litter box or fire hydrant, some immediate action is required, or the urine may

cause permanent discoloration. Even if the stain is not visible, it may show up after a future cleaning when the soil that hid the true damage is removed.

Blot up as much of the liquid as possible, using white paper towels or cloth toweling. Then wash the area with a solution of one teaspoon of detergent (which contains no bleach) to one cup of warm water. Blot dry.

Even if no discoloration is visible, it may develop later. To prevent this, treat the area with a solution of one part white vinegar to two parts water.

Test first on an inconspicuous spot to determine its effect on the fiber and the dye. Blot dry. Then cover the area with a 1/2-inch-thick layer of white towels of similar absorbent material. Weigh it down, then allow the area to dry for about six hours.

#### Dried-on food in Microwave.

To remove dried-on foods from the inside of a microwave oven, fill a 2-cup glass measuring cup or glass bowl with water and bring the water to a boil. Let the bowl sit in the oven for at least five minutes with the door closed. The steam will condense on the oven walls and will help loosen the dried-on food. Then, wipe the oven surfaces with a paper towel or soft cloth or sponge.

The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Jenny R. Elliot of Grayling: Anthony Michael, Dec. 28, 1995, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

Brian and Nettie Schank of St. Helen: Austin Joseph, Dec. 29, 1995, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

Angela Marie Beck of Grayling: Brandon Michael, Dec. 29, 1995, 7 pounds, 9.5 ounces.

Misty McClanahan of West Palm Beach, Florida: Tyler Christopher Saul, Dec. 29, 1995, 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

William and Gail Kessel of Grand Rapids: Amanda Lee, Dec. 25, 1995, 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

Robert and Cecilia Pratt of Roscommon: Robert Kelly, Dec. 22, 1995, 7 pounds, 6.3 ounces.

Jeff and Jill Vanwormer of Roscommon, Michigan: Mackenzie, Dec. 25, 1995, 6 pounds, 15.7 ounces.

Joseph and Theresa Bresette of Roscommon: Zachary James, Dec. 23, 1995, 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

## THE GARDEN CORNER

A service of the Crawford County MSU Extension office

Question: My houseplants are kind of pale, with long stems and small leaves. Do they need feeding?

Answer: Probably not. The short, often cloudy days of Michigan winter don't provide plants with much natural light for growth. Plants that aren't growing well in winter generally don't need fertilizer. Fertilizing when plants aren't actively growing, can cause soluble salts to build up in the soil.

These salts can damage plant roots and form an unattractive crust on plant pots and soil that can injure foliage that comes into contact with it. Not fertilizing and cutting back on water to avoid drowning plant roots are two ways to help plants growing in natural light get through the winter in good

shape. An alternative is to supplement natural light with light from fluorescent fixtures. Sixteen to 18 hours of supplemental light per day will go a long way to prevent the legginess and poor growth that houseplants often show in winter.

Question: What is the prescription for keeping indoor cacti alive through the winter?

Answer: Cacti grow hardly at all during the winter, so they need very little water—a light watering every three or four weeks to dampen the roots slightly—and no fertilizer. The prescription, in short, is intelligent neglect. Too much tender loving care, in the form of weekly watering and overfeeding, will kill them.

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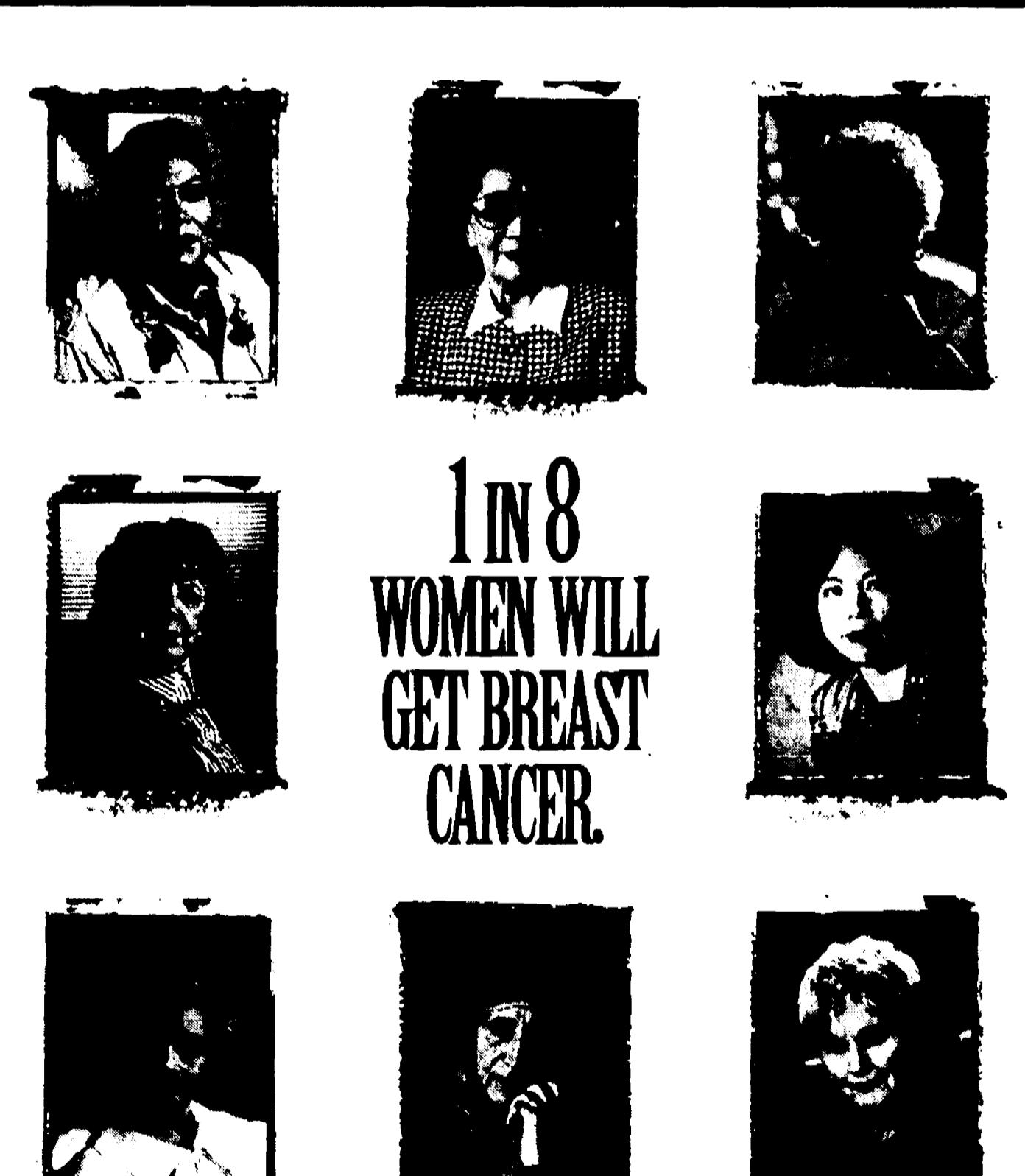
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Tickets for this performance can be secured by calling the Crawford AuSable School District Community Education Cultural Events box office at 348-7641, ext. 550 days or ext. 123 evenings. Tickets are \$4 for adults or \$3.50 for students and senior citizens. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. The 1995-96 Community Education Cultural Events Series is made possible with the support of local area businesses.

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**FREDERIC ELEMENTARY'S MOST DESERVING STUDENTS FOR DECEMBER —**  
Pictured above are (Back, L to R) Veronica Caid, Jamie Zelok, Eddie Goscicki, Jessie Mooneyham, (Front, L to R) Amber Pindell, Caleb Morris, Ali Jo Ferrigan, and Nicole Cassidy. Not pictured are Adam Gabriel and Cassie Wilson. The students received a book, a bumper sticker and the Frederic Eagle pin.

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### Crawford County Community Christian Help Center And Kiwanis of Grayling

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## January blood drive nets 84 donors

At the January blood drive, sponsored by Holiday Inn, in honor of Sarah Weaver, there were 84 donors and four first-time donors. However, it did not meet the challenge of the high school drive on Nov. 1, when there were 117 donors.

At the November drive, the following people received gallon pins: One gallon—Ronald J. Rakoczy, Jr.; four gallons—Mary C. Brown; eight gallons—Joseph A. Rozeneck; 19 gallons—Charles F. Fick.

The following people donated for

the first time: Sarah M. Amman, Miggan N. Andersen, Walter J. Boone, Kenneth E. Bolick, Sean R. Casey, Joseph M. Collen, Cassandra G. Crowell, Brion C. Davis, Richard M. Doe, Thomas F. Drouillard, Brad A. Elberts, David E. Fairbotham, Toby S. Forman, Shauna M. Fyan, Jason L. Hall, Krystal J. Harris, Scott H. Hartman, Jason B. Hafield, Desiree A. Hebel, Erica Kate Hinkle, Jeffrey M. Hoffman, Alicia K. Holley, Michael J. Hunter, David N. Jones, Kristy A. Kauffman, Jennifer A. Kerr, Bennie K. Labo, Christopher LaChappelle, Amanda Lamb, Kevin C. Langseth, Amanda K. McEvers, Joshua B. Nethers, Lyndsay A. Oliver, Frank A. Olszewski, Stacey R. Paulins, Brock A. Prater, Jennifer N. Richardson, Jami M. Secord, Carly R. Sewell, Nichol M. Siwula, Joni L. St. Clair, James F. Tenbusch, Jennifer A. Wallace, Nathan O. Weaver, Erin E. Welke, Jennifer L. Wilkins.

At the Frederic drive, Nov. 3, Shirley Schmock received a 2-gallon pin, and Theresa C. Bodi donated for the first time.

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The Dukes of Dixieland is a 6-member ensemble that has played throughout the world, appearing with headliners including Stan Kenton, Pete Fountain, Woody Herman, Dr. John, Al Hart and Sarah Vaughan. They have also appeared as guest artists with numerous symphony orchestras, such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the National Symphony and the New York

Pops. When not in concert, the Dukes make their home aboard the Steamship Natchez in New Orleans, where they play on nightly cruises providing authentic Dixieland music in the city that gave it birth.

The Dukes are best known for their television special *Dukes of Dixieland and Friends*, and for providing the soundtracks for the *Great Chefs* television series. Most recently, they have produced *A Salute To Jelly Roll Morton*, with special guest artist Danny Baker, for television, video and CD.

For ticket information, or if you would like to make a reservation, contact the Kirtland Ticket Office at (517) 275-6777.

## Guest pastor to speak on Vietnam

Reverend Rodney Penrod, Assemblies of God minister on assignment to Vietnam, will be the featured guest speaker at the Grayling Assembly of God Church, located on the I-75 Business Loop, on Sunday, Jan. 14, at 11 a.m.

According to Pastor Ron Voelker, the gospel cannot be openly preached in Vietnam. As a result, missionaries seek professional visas by offering to use skills needed by the country. Friendships developed with nationals in the course of offering professional services can lead to opportunities to share one's faith.

Penrod, a veteran of the Vietnam War, has continued to carry a burden for the people of Vietnam, since he accepted Christ in 1978. "When I received Christ as my Savior," he said, "I received deliverance from drugs and alcohol, and I received physical and emotional healing. I had been disabled in the war, and hated the

people and country of Vietnam with a passion. The love of God changed my heart. God exchanged my hatred for my former enemies, with love. He gave me compassion that moves me and passion that fuels me."

While pastoring in Coleman, Penrod began to take annual trips to Vietnam, to offer humanitarian aid, as well as assist believers. Since 1990, he and his wife, Patricia, have served as Division of Home Missions missionaries to the Vietnamese in the United States.

"We planted the first Vietnamese Assemblies of God church in the northern California/Nevada district in San Jose, California," Penrod said. "We are now looking forward to a ministry in Vietnam, where we will be directing an orphanage in Vung Tau."

The public is invited to attend this special service on Sunday, Jan. 14, to learn more about the Penrods' outreach to southeast Asia's hurting people.

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## YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

By Charles Tinsley, Cadillac Social Security Representative

### Look for Social Security benefit statement for tax purposes

In January, Social Security will send you a statement showing the total benefits you received in 1995. The statement is designed to help you determine if you need to pay tax on a portion of your benefits based on your taxable income.

If you are a married couple with earnings between \$32,000 and \$44,000, or a single person (or married person separated from your spouse) earning between \$25,000 and \$34,000, you include 50 percent of your benefits when figuring your taxable income. For married couples earning over \$44,000 a year, or singles earning \$34,000, you include 85 percent of your Social Security benefits in your taxable income.

The SSA-1099 statement you receive includes an IRS Notice 703. You'll know whether you need to pay tax on your Social Security benefits after you complete the five steps on the notice. For 1995, Social Security estimates that about 18 percent of beneficiaries will need to pay tax on their benefits.

For more information about taxable benefits, call the Internal Revenue Service toll-free at 1-800-829-3676. Ask for Publication 915, *Tax Information On Social Security Benefits* (and *Tier I Railroad Retirement Benefits*); and IRS Publication 554, *Tax Information For Older Americans*.

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Stolen were hunting rifles, shotguns, handguns, archery equipment, miscellaneous sporting equipment, power tools and various household items.

Contact Crawford County Sheriff's Department with information: 517-348-4611, Detective Richard F. Meyer.

## TaxTips

### Amended returns

Question: "I filed my 1994 tax return on time. I forgot, however to include income from a part-time job. What do I do now?"

Answer: You will need to amend your 1994 return. You may owe a little more tax, or you may get a small refund, depending on how much you earned and how much tax was withheld. You amend a return by filing Form 1040X.

You may file an amended return for a variety of reasons. For example, if you remember a deductible expense after your return has been filed, an amended return will correct the error and net you a refund. Generally, you have three years from the due date of your return to file an amendment. If you filed a state return, you may also have to amend that return.

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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: A friend is one who knows who you are, understands where you've been, accepts who you've become and still gently invites you to grow!

"BK" bingo was well attended last week, and everyone had a good time playing for coupons at Burger King. Try to make it next month, on the first Wednesday, at 12:30 p.m. Come spring, we will go back to having the bingo party at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday brunch was fun and tasty, and 36 brave souls came out in the bitter cold to have breakfast/lunch. Lots of good chit-chat and a little card playing afterward. Hope the weather

is better next month on the first Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Some up-coming things for the weeks in January include: Birthday luncheon on the 10th at 12:30 p.m.; BPs on the 11th from 11 a.m. until 12 noon; COA Board meeting on the 17th at 5:30 p.m.; "R&R" on the 18th at 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday potluck on the 21st at 4 p.m. "PJ" dance party on the 23rd at 12:30 p.m.; Power Dominoes on the 24th at 5:30 p.m.; and BPs on the 25th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon; sweatshirt contest and games on the 30th at 12:30 p.m.; and Hangman on the 31st.

Basket Weaving II starts in February, so sign up if you want to participate. Ruth Cruz is the instructor, and the lessons are on Wednesdays. The cost is based on the materials used. Call or stop in if you're interested. 348-7123.

Take advantage of our activities that are offered through the Commission on Aging and Senior Citizen Center. Keep checking this column as well as the Senior Gazette, our monthly news bulletin and give us a call. We can give you more information, sign you up, or just chit-chat about something that might interest you. Stop in or give us a call at 348-7123.

Come and eat at the center. The meals are tasty, well balanced, it is really the best deal in town. Any senior, or spouse, that is 60 or more is welcome, and bring your friends and families. With the new funding year upon us, the required donation for seniors remains the same, at \$1.50, however, the charge for those under 60 goes up to \$3.

Reservations are recommended, however, we can always take a few walk-ins—but for the most part, try to call ahead (348-7123). Meals are served at noon and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and noon only on Fridays. Menus are subject to change.

### Lunch/Dinner

Jan. 10-Swiss Steak/Chicken Pot Pie;

Jan. 11-Baked Ham/Beef Stew;

Jan. 12-BBQ Chicken/No Dinner;

Jan. 15-Meatballs/Pepper Steak;

Jan. 16-Chicken Chow Mein/Ham;

Jan. 17-Liver & Onions/Beef Tips And Noodles;

Jan. 18-Italian Pork/Chicken & Dumplings;

Jan. 19-Home-Style Steak/No Dinner.

## Questions answered by the VA

Question: What are the rates the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays to veterans with service-connected disabilities?

Answer: Monthly disability compensation rates for 1995 are as follows: 10 percent, \$89; 20 percent, \$170; 30 percent, \$260; 40 percent, \$371; 50 percent, \$529; 60 percent, \$666; 70 percent, \$841; 80 percent, \$974; 90 percent, \$1,096; 100 percent, \$1,823. Eligible veterans who suffer from severe disabilities are paid amounts up to \$5,212 a month.

Question: Does VA increase disability compensation rates annually?

Answer: The amounts of the benefits are set by Congress, which often approves annual cost-of-living increases for VA compensation payments.

Question: I receive compensation

from VA based upon a service-connected disability rated at 40 percent. Can I receive an additional amount if I have dependents?

Answer: Yes. Veterans whose service-connected disabilities are rated 30 percent or more are entitled to additional allowances for dependents. The additional amount is determined by the number of dependents and the degree of disability.

Question: Can a service-connected disability rating be changed?

Answer: Yes. It may be increased or decreased in accordance with medical findings of changes in the affected condition. However, once a condition has been rated at or above a particular evaluation for 20 continuous years, the rating is protected by law and may not be changed unless the rating was established by fraud.

## DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

When I started looking for information that would relate to the ice house in the nursery, it wasn't any surprise to find other information relating to the use and storage of ice, which may also be of interest to you.

According to historians, the ancient Romans and Greeks used ice and snow to cool their wines during the summer, indicating they had developed some means of storing the ice and snow. The settlers at Jamestown left evidence of ice pits similar to those in use in England. One description of such a pit indicates they were deep bottle-shaped caverns. The narrow entrance kept the ice from melting too quickly, but made the job of filling the pit an unpleasant

task, to say the least.

Mr. Vernon had an ice house, built in 1785, which stored the ice for "a cream machine for ice" purchased by George Washington, who entertained guests with ice creams. Ice cream,

according to historians, originated perhaps 5,000 years ago in China, but it became more common in the 1700s, as more ice houses were constructed.

The demand for ice throughout the United States and ports in the West Indies and India, led to the creation of ice empires. One individual in Boston, cornered the rights to most of the ice cut from the ponds and rivers in New England. By 1846, over 65,000 tons of ice were being shipped from Boston, and just 10 years later, that figure had doubled to over 130,000 tons. Most of that ice, by the way, was used to preserve the fish American trawlers were bringing in from great distances.

Commercial ice houses provided the ice, from which deliveries were made to houses all over the country. The ice box sitting on the back porch or in the basement, so the ice man did not have

to enter the house, was once a common household fixture. The invention of the double-walled ice box is credited to a farmer by the name of Thomas Moore, who called it a refrigerator.

From the 1840s until the early 1920s, the ice man was a familiar visitor in most homes across the country, but in 1889, there was a mid winter, resulting in an acute shortage of ice. This shortage spurred development of mechanical refrigeration, but it wasn't until 1916, that the first electric refrigerators were available, and as you can imagine, they were very expensive.

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## Annual meeting/\$10,000 raffle Jan. 20

Only 10 days remain which will be awarded until the highlight of the leading up to the big chamber year, the winner. These include 20, \$10,000 raffle and annual \$100 cash awards, plus meeting at the Holiday Inn, awards of \$200, \$300 and Saturday, Jan. 20. Tickets \$500, plus prizes donated are still available at the chamber office.

JCPenney, Sylvester's, Corner Book Swap, Pizza Hut, Diane's Car Weyerhaeuser and Dr. Wash, McDonald's, Mary's William Dean.

## GAVC prepares for tourist expositions



**SETTING UP FOR SPRING**—Grayling Area Visitor's Council (GAVC) members are updating their trade-show display booth in preparation for upcoming expositions in Lansing and Grand Rapids. The booth is being converted from winter to summer attractions.

GAVC representatives will man the booth at two big shows in March. Crawford County will be on display at the Lansing Center Sportfishing and Travel Show March 8-10, in downtown Lansing. Billed as mid-Michigan's only sportfishing show, it includes seminars and features an outfitters expo.

The booth moves to Grand Rapids March 21-24, for the Grand Center Sport, Fishing and RV Show. The promoters bill this as Michigan's longest-running sport show, and say it draws the largest crowd in the state.

GAVC and chamber members who have brochures which can be displayed at the booth, should drop them off at the chamber of commerce at least three days in advance of each show.

## Chamber takes lead in trail development

Early and plentiful snow have combined to produce mobile Association (GSA) banner winter business for grommers were down for Crawford County, into the repair. beginning of 1996. Responding to member Snowmobilers and requests, the chamber is outdoor enthusiasts continuing efforts to began filling local motels designate a trail through in December, and every Grayling. Letters were sent room in Grayling was to the entire business taken during Thursday community, asking them through Monday of New to join the GSA, as the Year's weekend.

A Grayling Area Visitor's Council pre-season ad campaign urged snowmobilers to save driving time by choosing Crawford County for their riding. When completed, the trail With an average 2 feet of base on trails, many snowmobilers took that including access to food, advice, and it has been lodging and fuel.

one of the biggest years The chamber's Trail ever for the sport. Riders Committee anticipates filled the trails, with this as the catalyst to focus grommers doing their best on a countywide trail to keep up. Immediately infrastructure program, after the New Year's including hiking, biking, weekend, the DNR and crosscountry skiing, etc.

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17	8 am	Chamber Board Meeting	City Hall
18	8 am	Winter Wolf Meeting	Iron Gate
20	6 pm	Annual Meeting \$10,000 Raffle	Holiday Inn
23	8 am	GUDA	Stevens
25	5:30 pm	Business After Hours	Family Circle
26	10:30 am	Hanson Hills Open House	Eagles Club
26	8 pm	Adult Cross-country Ski Party	Hanson Hills
26	9 pm	Community Bonfire	Hanson Hills
27	10:15 am	Winter Wolf Challenge	Ray's
27	11 am	Winter Festival Events	Hanson Hills
28	8 am	Booster Club	Hanson Hills
28	11 am	Pancake Breakfast	Hanson Hills
28	11 am	Winter Wolf Challenge	Hanson Hills
28	11 am	Winter Festival Events	Hanson Hills

## Membership benefits

An affordable health insurance program for small business is just one of the benefits of membership in the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. Many members quickly recover their chamber dues investment with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield insurance program, even available to many sole proprietors.

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select one of four local insurance representatives to help them develop their individual program.

Another member benefit is the AT&T Profit by Association program. Even current AT&T customers may be eligible for additional savings through their chamber participation.

For information on chamber membership, or any of the benefit programs, contact the chamber at 348-2921.

## Employee training available

Could your business run more efficiently? Could a team concept enhance workplace atmosphere? Could your employees use some remediation in basic skills?

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For information contact either R. J. Hannan, Adult Education director, or Mel Luckstead, Workplace Literacy coordinator, at CASD Adult Education, 403 Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738, or call 348-7641, extension 550.

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January 22, 1996 at Adult Learning Center (Hanson Hills)  
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##### DAYTIME & EVENING CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1996

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\*Class meets at Adult Learning Center @ Hanson Hills

#### OBITUARIES

##### Mary Jane Nolph

Mary Jane Nolph, 77, of Higgins Lake, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1996, at her residence. A memorial service was held Thursday, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m., at Markey Baptist Church, with Dr. James N. Kent officiating.

Mrs. Nolph was born April 13, 1918, in Reynoldsburg, Pennsylvania, to Wayne and Bertha Alice (Roush) Weaver. On Sept. 14, 1940, in Brookville, Pennsylvania, she was married to Guy I. Nolph, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 14, 1995. She had been a resident of Higgins Lake since 1946, previously living in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Nolph was an expert arrow fletcher for 22 years, and did arrow fletching for Fess Parker, Arthur Godfrey and many other celebrities. She retired from Bear Archery in 1973. She was a past member of Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include: daughter, Gayle and husband Ben Apps of Higgins Lake; sons, Garry Nolph of Grayling, Edward and wife Judy Nolph, and Larry and wife Shelly Nolph, both of Higgins Lake; five grandchildren; sister, Theona Hollenbaugh of New York; and brother, Myles Weaver of Pennsylvania.

The family suggests memorial contributions in her name to Amicare Hospice.

##### Robert Sorenson

Robert C. "Bud" Sorenson, 79, of Grayling, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 1996, at Mercy Hospital. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Pastor Bob Cochran officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in the spring, with military rites by American Legion Post 106 and the Michigan National Guard.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bill, Joel, Jamie, and David Cox, Kent Sorenson, Trevor Francke, George McEvers, Charles Gierke, Wes Hayes and Jerome Kessler.

Mr. Sorenson was born Aug. 4, 1916, in Grayling, and had lived here his entire life. On Jan. 12, 1936, he was married to his high school classmate, Clara L. Atkinson. While in high school, he played varsity basketball, and later played with the Hanson Cafe Independents.

Mr. Sorenson worked as a clerk at the U.S. Postal Service in Grayling, for 37 years, and he served with the U.S. Navy during WWII, at the Fleet Post Office in San Francisco.

He loved the out-of-doors and hunting with his brother, Bill, and beagle, Sport. Mr. Sorenson was a life member of St. John Lutheran Church, and was a 50-year member of American Legion Post 106.

Mr. Sorenson was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Camilla (Fischer) Sorenson, and by his brother, William O. Sorenson.

Survivors include: wife, Clara L. (Atkinson) Sorenson; daughters, Nancy and husband Bill Cox of Grayling, and Judith Sorenson of Saginaw; sons, Norman and wife Mary Sorenson of Mt. Pleasant, and John Sorenson of Benton Harbor; sisters, Evelyn Jones of Leesburg, Florida, and Lois LaGrow of Grayling; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to St. John Lutheran Church.

##### William Anders

William F. Anders, 74, of Roscommon, South Branch Township, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 1995, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 4, at 2 p.m., at Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home, Roscommon, with Dr. James N. Kent officiating. Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery.

Mr. Anders was born April 19, 1921, in Detroit, to Max and Emma (Jones) Anders. He was a retired truck driver, and had been a resident of South Branch Township for 13 years, previously living in Detroit.

Survivors include: daughter, Christine Anders of Roscommon; son, Eddie and wife Lisa Anders of Dearborn Heights; brothers, Joseph Anders of Massachusetts, and Wallace Anders of California; and sister, Rose Borkowski of Detroit.

##### Karl Heidemann

Karl G. Heidemann, 75, of Lovells, died of cancer on Friday, Jan. 5, 1996, at his residence. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

Mr. Heidemann was born Aug. 19, 1920, in Bielefeld, Germany, and had been a resident of Lovells for seven years, previously living in Troy and East Detroit.

Mr. Heidemann was a practicing attorney in East Detroit and Troy, and was a former assistant prosecutor of Macomb County. He was president of the German-American Cultural Center, and was active in the German-American Community. He was a recipient of a German-American Friendship Award from the German Government, and had received a Purple Heart while serving with the U.S. Army during WWII.

Mr. Heidemann was preceded in death by his parents, Gustave and Paula (Rubbe) Heidemann.

Survivors include: wife, Elizabeth M. (Werner) Heidemann; daughters, Elaine Heidemann and Charlotte Willis, both of Orion; sons, Karl W. Heidemann of Rogers City, and John E. Heidemann of Warren; brother, Gerhard Heidemann of Warren; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

##### Card of thanks

I would like to thank the members of Amicare and Hospice for their help during the care of my friend, Clarie Haist.

Dorothy Dennison

#### Recertification and sign-up for MIC

Sign-up and recertification will take place at the Commission on Aging, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, on Tuesday, Jan. 16, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Take note of an alternate day in case of a snowstorm. That will be Friday, Jan. 19, same times.

If you have already been receiving MIC commodities, you need to re-up and bring your proof of income and Social Security number with you.

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#### Eastern Stars hold initiation

Order of the Eastern Star is starting the new year out right with the acceptance of a new candidate. There will be an initiation Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

# NORTHERN

Section B - Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, January 11, 1996

## Isolated cases of TB confirmed in Michigan White-tailed deer



## SPORTS



AN EASY VIKING BASKET--Viking junior Brad Larm releases the ball for an easy basket in the recent Elk Rapids basketball game. For an update on the Vikings in their recent contest versus Kalkaska, and for the Huron Division standings, turn to page 2B.

Officials from the Michigan Departments of Natural Resources (DNR), Agriculture (MDA) and Public Health (MDPH) are working together to determine the extent of tuberculosis (TB) which is known to have infected 15 Michigan white-tailed deer, located in a small area on private land in northeast Michigan, and to take actions to prevent further spread of the disease.

Officials stressed that it would be very unlikely that a person field-dressing or eating adequately cooked venison from a deer infected with TB could become infected.

It is very rare for free-ranging wildlife to contact TB, with only two recorded cases in Michigan; one about 20 years ago, and one in 1994. The Mycobacterium bovis TB strain is mainly spread through repeated or prolonged direct exposure to bacteria that are coughed up or exhaled by infected animals. In November of 1994, a wild white-tailed buck shot during the firearm deer season in the "Club Country" of northern lower Michigan, near Alpena, had internal lesions that clearly showed the animal was sick. The hunter alerted the DNR, the deer was examined and the disease was confirmed to be bovine tuberculosis.

In the Spring of 1995, the MDA tested livestock and the DNR tested

deer in the Alpena area. No livestock or deer tested at that time were found to be infected.

In the Fall of 1995, a cooperative program between DNR, MDA, Michigan State University's (MSU) College of Veterinary Medicine and deer hunters, yielded samples from over 300 deer from the northeastern lower peninsula area. This round of testing, so far, has revealed the presence of bovine tuberculosis in 15 white-tailed deer from private hunt club lands.

DNR Director Michael Moore noted that, "Though this appears to be an isolated situation in an 8-mile by 12-mile tract of private land near Alpena, we nonetheless view this situation seriously. I'm confident that the actions being taken by this multi-agency team will ensure the continued health and safety of our citizens, our livestock, and our white-tailed deer herd."

MDA Director Gordon Guyer said that from an agricultural perspective, "We will primarily focus on livestock testing and a surveillance and inventory program for livestock within an appropriate radius from confirmed, infected deer."

"We have requested assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to conduct risk assessment programs to help us determine transmission rates and health

implications. We have maintained our USDA Accredited Tuberculosis Free Status in cattle since 1979, and we will take the necessary steps to ensure that Michigan agricultural products continue to meet the highest quality standards."

MDPH Director James Haveman, Jr. added, "We have seen no correlation between the incidence of tuberculosis in Michigan deer and humans. Transmission of TB from deer to humans, or their families, is very unlikely."

Officials stressed that to maximize safety, if any of the deer's internal organs look abnormal, then the meat should not be eaten. Otherwise, cooking the meat until it is not pink and no red juices flow should make the meat safe to eat. In fact, this process is recommended for all meat, including beef and poultry, to make it safe from other bacteria, as well.

Cooperative efforts will continue between DNR, MDA, MDPH, USDA, and MSU, including collecting samples of deer to be taken in 1996 throughout the state, but concentrating in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Oscoda counties. State officials will meet with club managers and members to educate them about tuberculosis. Clubs will also be strongly discouraged from maintaining artificially high deer concentrations.

### FACTS ABOUT TB

The Department of Natural Resources has confirmed that 15 deer have been infected with tuberculosis in northeast Michigan. The Michigan Department of Health is coordinating with local health departments to test people who have been exposed to the diseased deer.

The following questions and answers were jointly prepared by the DNR, MDA and MDPH.

**What are the signs and symptoms of tuberculosis?** The signs of the disease depend on what part of the body is most affected; usually this is the lungs. There may be coughing and difficulty breathing. Overall, infected animals will lose weight and appear to be in poor condition in later stages of the disease. Early in the disease, the animal may look normal.

**How is the disease spread?** Tuberculosis is primarily spread through the air. When an infected animal is in close contact with other animals, contamination from coughing and sneezing can spread the disease. Repeated or prolonged exposure is often a factor.

**Why is tuberculosis prevalent at this location?** Artificial concentrations of deer in the impacted area, due to winter-long supplemental feeding was very likely a major factor in TB infection. We know that the disease is most likely to spread in situations where animals are overcrowded.

**Could a hunter who shot and gutted a deer in northeast Michigan contract TB?** It is very unlikely that a person field-dressing a deer infected with TB would become infected. Prevention is always the best policy. To minimize risk, wear heavy rubber gloves while gutting deer. Should a hunter see something unusual while field dressing a deer, they should stop field-dressing and contact the DNR.

**It is possible to transmit tuberculosis from animals to people, and from people to animals. This is extremely rare, and there are no records of a person ever catching TB from a deer in Michigan.**

**Is deer meat safe to eat?** Cooking the meat until it is not pink and no red juices flow out should make the meat safe to eat. To maximize safety, if any of the deer's internal organs look abnormal, then the meat should not be eaten.

**If I shoot a deer and field dress it, what should I be looking for in a TB infected animal?** Small tan or yellow lumps may be present lining the chest wall, and in the lung tissue. The lungs will have nodules throughout the tissue. If you see lesions like these, contact the DNR so that the head of the deer can be examined.

**What is going to be done to stop the possible spread of TB to other deer?** Decreasing transmission of TB from deer-to-deer is essential, and can be accomplished by decreasing the density of deer and eliminating supplemental feeding in the 8-mile by 12-mile area where TB was found. A combination of volunteer elimination of winter-long feeding and an increase in deer harvest will decrease deer-to-deer contacts, and lessen the possibility of transmission.

**I have deer meat in my freezer. Can it be tested for tuberculosis?** There is no specific test that can be done to check for TB in meat. If the meat looks abnormal, it should not be eaten. If any part of the deer the meat was taken from looked abnormal, the meat should not be eaten.

**What will be done to determine if livestock have been infected?** As a follow-up to the infected wild white-tailed deer found in northeast lower Michigan, the Department of Agriculture tested livestock in the local vicinity. No infected animals were found. Within the next few weeks, the MDA will be starting another testing program. Livestock within a 5-mile radius of each infected deer this year will be tested.

**Will screening for TB in deer take place next year? Yes. There will be a statewide surveillance program and a more concentrated effort in the 4-county area of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Oscoda.**

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**Great Northern Conference, Huron Division boys' basketball standings**

TEAM	CONF.		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Alcona	2	0	0	0
GRAYLING	1	0	3	2
Rogers City	1	1	5	1
Whittemore-Prescott	0	1	3	3
Onaway	0	2	3	5

Does not include games played Tuesday, Jan. 9.

**Vikings drop Blazers 61-58 on hardcourt****Grayling vs. Kalkaska Quarterly Scoreboard**

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Grayling 11	28	42	61
Kalkaska 9	20	31	58

The Vikings Boys Basketball team defeated Kalkaska 61 to 58, despite a strong fourth quarter comeback from Kalkaska.

The Vikings started with an early lead, which they maintained for the first three quarters. The fourth quarter began with the Vikings leading 42-31. Kalkaska pumped up the excitement during the fourth quarter as they closed the gap between the two teams.

Coach Rich Moffit said, "Our team played very well defensively. We controlled the tempo of the game early and did a great job on the boards. It was a nice effort by our team."

"Kalkaska made a run at us late in the game, but our team responded and hit some free throws down the stretch with the game on the line," he said. Corey Northrop made five out

of six free throw attempts. Joe Godlewski made three out of four free throw attempts.

The fourth quarter saw the most baskets of any of the quarters with the Vikings sinking in 19 points. Kalkaska made a strong comeback with 27 points, almost half their total score, in the fourth quarter.

The leading scorer for the Vikings was Godlewski with 22 points. Other scorers were Brad Larm contributing 19 points, Chris Kucharek putting up eight points, Jason Thompson and Northrop each added five points and Scott Hartman contributed two points.

Northrop contributed nine assists with Thompson taking 10 rebounds.

**Holiday Inn Viking of the week****Skiing**  
**Erin Welke**

Viking senior Erin Welke opened her season by placing 6th in giant-slalom and 8th in slalom races during recent competition at Boyne Mountain.

**Holiday Inn Viking of the week****Basketball**  
**Chris Kucharek**

Viking senior Chris Kucharek earned this week's honor by being, "the best defensive player on the team," according to Coach Rich Moffit.

**Grayling skiers open season at Boyne Mountain January 4th**

The Viking skiers took on four area teams on Thursday, Jan. 4, finishing 4th out of five teams.

Seven freshmen opened their racing careers for the Vikings.

The top overall Viking racer for the boys was Jason Steele who placed 5th in slalom and 11th in giant slalom. Ryan Schlehuber had the best finish of any Viking, placing 2nd in the giant slalom. Schlehuber was disqualified in the slalom because he lost a ski.

Travis Hopp placed 9th in the giant slalom and was disqualified in the slalom. Freshman Eric Thompson led the freshmen group, placing 19th in the slalom and 22nd in the giant slalom out of a 30-man field. Colin Hunter placed 16th in the slalom and 27th in the giant slalom after fall-

ing. Josh Mueller finished 20th in the giant slalom and was disqualified from

giant slalom, but with three racers being disqualified from the slalom, the team dropped to fourth place.

The lead Viking skiers for the girls were Erin Welke and Jessica Wyss. Welke placed 6th in the slalom and 8th in the giant slalom. Wyss placed 7th in the slalom and 14th in the giant slalom. Jennifer Jurkovich placed 18th in the slalom and 20th in the giant slalom.

Leading the freshmen girls were Kim Hartman and Katie Olson, placing 13th and 14th in the slalom respectively. Both were disqualified in the giant slalom. Brooke Ginther finished 19th in the slalom and Kristin Kerney finished 19th in the giant slalom.

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**Ski Conditions Report**

Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

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Average Base: 15-25 inches packed base. Downhill Surface Conditions: All trails and lifts in operation, packed powder and machine groomed. Cross Country Surface Conditions: 35 km, track set of trails open from 9 am till dusk, seven days a week.

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Special Note: High School Muffin Race this Saturday. Registration begins at 8:30 am.

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Special Note: High School Muffin Race this Saturday. Registration begins at 8:30 am.

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3. I will not damage living trees, shrubs, or other natural features.

4. I will respect other people's property and rights.

5. I will lend a helping hand when I see someone in distress.

6. I will make myself and my vehicle available to assist search and rescue parties.

7. I will not interfere with or harass hikers, skiers, snowshoers, ice fishermen or other winter sportsmen. I will respect their rights to enjoy our recreation facilities.

8. I will know and obey all federal, state and local rules regulating the operation of snowmobiles in areas where I use my vehicle. I will inform public officials when using public lands.

9. I will not harass wildlife. I will avoid areas posted for the protection or feeding of wildlife.



## Demo snowboards available during Winter Wolf Festival

Fifty demo snowboards will be available for trial runs during the Winter Wolf Festival events at Grayling's Hanson Hills Recreation Area the weekend of Jan. 27 and 28. Outdoor winter equipment outfitter Cartwright and Danewell has arranged to have representatives on hand from Rossignol and Hooger.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, demo boards and lessons will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Then from 2 to 4 p.m., there will be snowboard races for ages 10-13, 14-17 and 18 and up.

On Sunday, Jan. 28, demo boards and lessons will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a half-pipe

competition from 1 to 3 p.m.

Cartwright and Danewell will also have a display of outdoor winter-camping equipment set up at Hanson Hills, as part of the Winter Wolf Festival weekend.

Hanson Hills is a community recreation area located west of Grayling. It includes ski hills, a sledding hill and skating pond.

The Winter Wolf Festival weekend includes numerous fun and competitive events at Hanson Hills, and is highlighted by a triathlon in which competitors kayak on Saturday, then race on cross-country skis and snowshoes on Sunday.

## K of C to host Free Throw Championship Jan. 13

Boys and girls, ages 10 to 14, are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 1996 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship.

The local contest will be held Saturday, Jan. 13, at 12:30 p.m. in the Grayling Middle School gym.

The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the K of C, with winners progressing through local, district, regional and state level competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters, based on scores from the state level champion-

ships. All boys and girls, ages 10 to 14, are eligible to participate. Last year more than 212,000 sharpshooters took part in 3,100 local contests.

All contestants in the local level will receive certificates of participation. Winners will receive handsome plaques and will advance to district competition, which will be held in Gaylord on Saturday, Jan. 20. There isn't any charge to compete at any level.

For entry forms or additional information, contact Marlin Neuberger at (517) 348-3080.

## Michigan State Parks hold many winter events

Bundle up this winter and beat the cold-weather blues—visit your nearby Michigan state parks.

"Both spectators and participants will enjoy a full season of winter activities at Michigan state parks, especially when the winter doldrums set in and people are looking for fun family outings," Department of Natural Resources Director Michael Moore said.

State parks are an ideal setting for a variety of winter activities such as cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, winter camping and ice fishing.

Michigan state parks also host an array of winter special events including

the Beaver Creek Challenge cross-country ski race, to be held Feb. 4, at North Higgins Lake State Park in Roscommon. Registration time is 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., with starting time at 12 noon. This 15th annual event features a 12K, 6K and children's 2K race (6- to 12-year-olds). There is a registration fee for this event.

For more information, call Jim Scott at (517) 821-6200.

A \$20 yearly motor vehicle permit or \$4 daily entrance permit is required for entry into any Michigan State Park.

For more information on winter activities at state parks, call (517) 322-5066.

## Soo, I-500 ready to go

The International 500 Snowmobile race is definitely a go, according to the I-500 board, in a special meeting held recently. According to track and race officials, the track has now been cleared of over 60 inches of snow, and water is now being laid to form the 10- to 12-inch ice surface needed for the race.

The track was covered with over 60 inches of snow from a storm earlier this winter, and needed to be cleared in order for the under surface to freeze and accept the ice surface needed for racing. When the 1-mile track is completed, over 1.8 million gallons of water will be used to cover the surface.

While the track itself has been cleared, the pit area needs more work in clearing, and the parking lots have just been started. Over \$5,000 has been spent so far in snow removal, with the majority spent for equipment rental, operator costs and fuel. It is estimated that at least another \$5,000

will be spent in finishing the parking lots, pit area and securing the safety fencing.

The board went on record thanking the many citizens and businesses that have donated money and equipment, including MDOT, who donated heavy snow-removal equipment.

They noted that although over \$8,000 has been donated for snow removal, and that a raffle of assorted valuable prizes has been started, additional funds are always needed and may be sent to the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce office. Money not used for snow removal will be used to help upgrade badly-needed track equipment.

The 28th annual I-500 snowmobile race is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 3, with time trials scheduled for Jan. 29-31. The 500-mile race has a purse in excess of \$10,000.

## FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

### Ski Season

Parents and kids! Here is the ski season schedule! Thursday and Friday evenings from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Private lessons are always available. Our cross-country trails are open seven days a week, along with our tubing and sledding hill. This year, we are offering a skating rink also. Whatever you need to enjoy the cold weather, we've got it!

Grayling State Bank offers a free ski-race clinic for skiers ages preschool through eighth grade. The first clinic was Jan. 7, and met at the top of the Bowl out at Hanson Hills.

### Ice Skating Classes

Parents and tots, Mondays and Thursdays, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; adults, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; beginners, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6 p.m.; intermediate, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 to 6:30 p.m.; freestyle, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

### Indoor Rollerblade Hockey League

The first two sessions will be an open skate, in order to let more of you register for this terrific program! Games will begin Jan. 20, and will last six weeks.

### 4th and 5th Grade Free Ski Program

Grayling Recreation Authority, in cooperation with the Grayling Youth Booster Club, Grayling Rotary Club and the Crawford AuSable School District, will offer free skiing to all fourth and fifth grade students beginning Jan. 17, for six weeks.

### Fun-Pon Program

Meets on Mondays from 4:40 to 5:30 p.m., for boys and girls in grades 1-4.

### Something New

Cross-country Ski Club begins Tuesday, Jan. 16, ages 8 and up. With skis, \$12; without skis, \$30. Parents

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Recreation League

Mark 8	6-2
Mickey Perez CPA	5-3
Scheer Motors	5-3
Fun-N-Sun Rental	5-3
Glen's	4-4
Cornell	4-4
Peterson Saw Service	2-6
North Country RV	1-7
High Game: B. Wheeler, 189, C. Czuba, 179, S. Nossie, 178. High Series: B. Wheeler, 519, C. Czuba, 465, S. Hinds, 460.	
Senior Citizen League	
Sylvester's	38-26
Buccilli's	37-27
Cornell's	37-27
Totter's Body Shop	33-31
Flowers by Josie	31-33
Century 21	28-36
Baysham	27-37
Larry & Joan's	25-39
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 201, 191, D. Germain, 198, T. McBride, 186. Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 556, D. Germain, 498, B. Dandy, 492.	
Women's High Game: P. Harris, 169, A. Payne, 164, R. Joyce, 161. Women's High Series: R. Joyce, 474, P. Harris, 451, D. Donnelly, 435.	

### American Men's League

Fenton's Auto	12-2
McLeans	11-3
Auto Parts	8-6
BCI	7-7
Stiches By Sue	7-7
Rod's Auto Body	5-9
Upper Lakes	4-10
Red Barn	2-12
High Game: L. Davis, 234, D. Canfield, 223, 220. High Series: L. Davis, 616, D. Canfield, 599, L. Davis, Jr., 579.	

### Thursday Coffee League

Johnson's Survey	8
Glen's Market	8
Lone Pine	4-5
Wakeley Auto Parts	3
Buccilli's	3
AuSable Construction	3
Shady Acres	2
Plaza Bar	1/2
High Game: C. Albright, 202, S. France, 193, K. VanNock, 181. High Series: J. Tanuki, 499, T. Romain, 486, C. Albright, 485.	

### Northwood League

Subway	9
Stich-in-Time	8
Millikin's	8
Wakeley's Auto Parts	7
Patti's Towne House	7
House of Cabinets	5
Rich's Cycle Service	4
Pearls & Lace	0
High Game: S. Romain, 223, L. Johnson, 192, S. France, 190. High Series: S. Romain, 514, S. France, 510, L. Dannerberg, 491.	

### Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Cedar Motel	10-2
Monk's Auto Repair	8-4
No Fear	8-4
Aunt Betty's	5-7
A.H. Rental & Repair	5-7
A. Bulldog Towing	5-7
Advance Collision	4-8
AJD	3-9
Men's High Game: M. Summer, 233, J. Prosser, 219, D. Loxon, 204. Men's High Series: M. Summer, 544, L. Helsel, 526, J. Golnick, 521. Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 190, K. Loxon, 177, S. Summer, 169. Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 484, J. Hinds, 476, C. Brush, 471.	

### National League 1st Division

Frederic Inn	6
Carquest	5
Budweiser	4
Breakers Steak House	4
Guns & Grub	4
House of Cabinets	4
Moore's Auto	3
City Environmental	2
High Game: B. Palmer, 223, C. Golnick, 217, G. Wolfe, 216. High Series: C. Golnick, 590, D. Canfield, 576, A. Angovi, 570.	

### Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

CSI	3-1
Us & Them	3-1
Computer Service	2-2
Mac Ashworth's	2-2
All Seasons	2-2
Glen's	2-2
Robidoux Cos.	1-3
Mac's Drugs	1-3
Men's High Game: T. Rondeau, 205, J. Golnick, 200, J. Helsel, 197. Men's High Series: T. Rondeau, 566, R. Atkinson, 543, J. Golnick, 542. Women's High Game: N. Glasslee, 206, J.	

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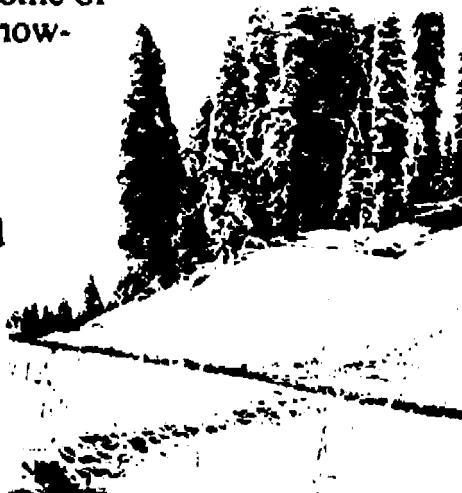
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## Hunting & Fishing Weekly Update

### No new year snow... yet!

Here we are, 10 days into the new year and no sizable snowfall so far, but we have enough left over from last year to make the cross-country skiing some of the best in recent history. The snowmobiling is also really good. If you are planning on going into the woods, snowshoes are a must.

There are a few rabbits here and there. They seem to be seeing some down around Seven Mile Road near the oil fields. Some of the hunters have started calling coyotes, and there is a chance you may call in a bobcat at the same time, so be ready for anything.



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## GRAYLING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

### Grayling Basketball League

Camp Grayling	1-0
Fox Const./Hinkle Remax	1-0
Spikes	0-1
Big Boy/Sylvester's	0-1
Holiday Inn	0-1
Weyerhaeuser	0-1
Camp Grayling	55-Latusek 12,
Dannenberg 12, Doremire 7, Bonamie 7, White 6, Juntilla 6, Trudgeon 5, Weyerhaeuser 34—Trenary 10, McEvers 6, Kelley 6, Hull 5, Page 4, Dandy 3.	

Spikes	67—Patterson 30, Thompson 13, J. Gardiner 8, Potter 8, Kolka 3, Don 3, T. Gardiner 2, Big Boy/
Sylvester's 57—Jung 18, Waite 15, Abney 14, Shepler 6, Malinowski 2, Huff 2.	
Fox Const./Hinkle Remax	74—Ryckman 22, R. Tobin 13, Burkett 13, Hinkle 11, Burrell 7, Fox, 4, Donahoe 4, Holiday Inn 70—LaForest 30, Simons 23, Hamlin 10, Mertes 7.

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Registration for second-semester classes of the Crawford AuSable School District Adult, Alternative, and Community Education program will be held Jan. 15-26, at the Adult Learning Center at Hanson Hills, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and at Grayling High School, in the evenings, from 5 to 9 p.m. Second semester begins Monday, Jan. 29. Adult enrichment classes will also begin Monday, Jan. 29.

Enrichment classes offered for second semester include computers, woodshop, art, genealogy, dried flower arranging, beginning stained glass, advanced stained glass, line dancing, oil painting and woodcarving. Enrichment classes have various costs

through the bars. What a welcome to Grayling, Roger.

Norm and Shirley Schmoock visited their family over the Christmas holiday. They were guests of John and Cynthia Mennicke and children, Joyce, Scotty and Joshua, in Woodstock, in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

On Dec. 28, Caroline Goodale had visitors to her village. They included Rev. Ivan and Debbie Westbrook and two children from Australia, Rev. Aletha Bollinger, and Rev. Pat McAlister of California. Traveling from Flint were brother-in-law Wayne Bollinger and her nephews David and Duane and their families. To help Linda Goodale celebrate her 20th birthday, everyone stayed for dinner and birthday cake. Linda's guests were Susanne Carpenter of Texas, and Aaron Mead of Grayling. The following day, Corrine Smith from California, daughter Gail and son-in-law came to see the Christmas village.

Les Hunter returned last Friday from Seattle, Washington, where he enjoyed the holidays with his family. He visited Paula Hunter and Mary Hunter and Mary's new daughter, Ruby Mei, who was enjoying her first American Christmas. Gail Hunter-Bolin of Marietta, Georgia, also flew in from Texas, where she had been working on a movie, so the whole family was together. Upon Gail's return to Texas, she drove back to Georgia.

next day, to repair two badly shattered legs below the knee. At this time, he is slowly recovering in Tucson Medical Center, and is able to talk to his mother on the telephone. He faces weeks of therapy. Bernice accompanied her son Tom and wife Marion of Lansing, to Tucson. On their return, they stopped in Oklahoma City for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Tom's daughter and family, the Larry Senkowskis. On arriving back in Lansing, they spent Dec. 28 with Tom's family, for a belated Christmas. Granddaughter Caity Heaven brought Bernice back home.

New Year's holiday guests at the Beverly and Bill Halliday home on the AuSable, were her two daughters and families, Karen and Frank Cook, and Gerry and Gar Martin, Chelsea and Andrea, all of Lansing, and Gary and Pat Church and Jessica of Harbor Springs. The Hallidays hosted their annual New Year's Eve party with family members, and the Dwight Hassans and George Griffith also as guests.

During the construction of the new jail, I guess one has to be careful which door is entered, or else there is a practical joker in the building. A 911 sign led to a lockup, in which a new local, unsuspecting resident spent 20 uncomfortable minutes locked up with only a sleeping inmate to stare at

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In their first game following the holiday recess, the Grayling Vikings downed the Gaylord Blue Devils in overtime on their home court in a Michigan Huron Shores Conference contest last Friday, 69-62.

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322 points: Louise Hatfield.

319 points: D. J. Metzer.

316 points: Annette Metzer.

315 points: Kimberly Curtis.

314 points: Irving McIsaac.

313 points: Kenneth Conklin.

312 points: Brenda Curtis.

307 points: Paul Elekonich, Mike Brandel.

306 points: Jacquie Glander.

305 points: Dennis Henning, Dave Peterson.

304 points: Gary Nettleton, Mike Harmer.

303 points: Kelly Curtis, Steve Anderson.

302 points: Butch Brown, Doug Latuszek, Jeremy Latuszek.

301 points: Christopher Callahan, Vicki Lewis, Mary Gothro.

300 points: Mark McEvers, Gary Derenzy, Mary Ann Reynolds.

299 points: David Svensen, Mary Brown.

298 points: Todd Harmer, Mitch Kenney, Cindy Reetz, JoAnna Cottenham.

297 points: Tom Winchester.

296 points: Gerry St. Germain, Phyllis Thompson.

295 points: Jack Sieloff, Pat Merrill.

293 points: Teresa Bonamie.

292 points: Darrell Metzer, Matt Keir.

291 points: Doug McMurtie, Greg Gothro, Duane Wales, Christa Gothro, Scott Wakeley, Ross Thompson.

290 points: Ron Metzer, Carol Conklin, Tom Weaver, Aaron Peterson.

289 points: Karen Curtis, John Cottenham.

287 points: Janet Hanson, Mark Reetz.

286 points: John Smock.

285 points: Kyle Bond, Ken Wyman, Paul Peterson, Philip Lewis.

284 points: Marie St. Germain, Rick Sam Carter, Rob Lawe, Carol Sieloff, Sherry Harney.

283 points: Keith Curtis.

282 points: Rebecca Bond.

281 points: Cyndi Shearer, Bob Root.

280 points: Judy Myers, Scotty MacLeod, Lloyd Crawford.

279 points: Matthew Kersey, Sandi Enos, Dave Sharpe, Rick Mrazik.

278 points: Bob Dixon.

276 points: Jan Amis, Mo Enos.

275 points: Chris Golnick, Randy Smock.

274 points: Kevin Jansen, Pamela Hull, Larry Rouse.

273 points: Sharon McMurtire.

272 points: J&J Millikin, Richard Miller, Mark Hartman.

271 points: Steve Anderson, Jr., Jamie Anderson, Curt LaMotte.

270 points: June Rouse.

269 points: Robert Genrich.

268 points: Dan DeMeere, Steve Czapak.

267 points: Steve Bartholomew, Kenneth Polley.

266 points: Lois Davis.

265 points: Harold Marquardt, Brian Noeske.

264 points: Warren Galvani, Arnie Stancil.

263 points: Alf Svensen, Cheryl Callahan, Thomas Goddard.

262 points: Paula Nettleton, Dennis Kuhn.

261 points: Rose Gildner.

260 points: Joyce Lindberg.

259 points: Bill Consani, Larry Davis, Jr.

258 points: Paul Schroeder.

256 points: Nancy Gingerick, Denise Boone, Doug Donaldson.

255 points: Robert Mead, Lacey Stephan.

253 points: Ralph Krolczyk.

250 points: Rick Millikin.

249 points: Rick Marshall.

247 points: Jerry Gildner.

246 points: Beverly McIntosh.

243 points: Tracy DeMeere.

241 points: Michelle Elsner.

240 points: Richard Nash.

239 points: Jerry Elekonich.

237 points: Louis Smith, Bob Wininger.

236 points: Denyce Krolczyk.

235 points: Arrow Francisco.

234 points: Brett Mead, Arnold Randall, Betty MacLeod, Fred Krolczyk.

233 points: Larry Pembroke.

231 points: Paul Hamlin, Toni Stephan.

228 points: Brad Trenary, Reda Francisco.

227 points: Matt Cragg.

226 points: Rena Neilson.

223 points: Rick Anderson.

222 points: Kevin Hunter, Patti Sajdak.

220 points: Al Fagan.

219 points: James Cunningham.

218 points: Heidi Vogel, John Brumblil.

214 points: Melanie Cragg.

213 points: Roy McIntosh.

211 points: Larry Davis, Sr.

# Fidrych, Wertz Warriors ride for Special Olympics

Mark "the Bird" Fidrych will return to help the Wertz Warriors reach their 1996 goal of raising \$300,000 to pay the on site costs of the 1996 Michigan Special Olympics State Winter Games.

The Warriors are a group of 58 snowmobile riders and a support crew of 22 who plan to ride their machines 840 miles throughout Michigan during the fund raiser. This will be the 15th annual Snowmobile Endurance Ride by the Wertz Warriors.

The games will take place at Sugar Loaf Mountain Resort in Cedar starting February 7, 1996. About 925 Special Olympics athletes will compete in speed and figure skating, downhill and cross country skiing and snowshoeing during the 3-day event.

The Winter Games will be celebrating 20 years of winter sports competition for athletes with mental retardation and/or closely related developmental disabilities.

The Wertz Warriors roar into Sugar Loaf on Wednesday afternoon, and the athletes rush to greet the riders and line up for snowmobile rides. Participating in the Winter Games Opening Ceremonies and giving snowmobile rides to the Special Olympics athletes are the high points of the week for the Warriors.

"The Bird" was an all-star pitcher with the Detroit Tigers during his rookie 1976 season. Fidrych has snowmobiled with the Warriors since 1993. His antics, talking to the ball and

## GRAYLING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Student of the Month

Month: December

Category: "Logic Smart"

Mrs. Nunn (blue)	Ryan Cooper
	Amber Collen
	Chantel DeSloover
Mrs. Nunn (yellow)	Kayla Baker
	Hannah Easterle
	Dustin Padron
Mrs. Spencer (blue)	Heather Huber
	Matthew McDonald
	Andy Curiston
Mrs. Spencer (yellow)	Jason Drudge
	Victoria Nault
	Lindsey Knowles
Mrs. Marler (blue)	Chad Gildner
	Shentele Weaver
	Richard Schreiber
	Mathew Latuszek
	Ethan Neuberger
	Brandy Jo Smith
Mrs. Brunell	Paul Brown
Mrs. Hatfield	A. J. Brackenbury
Miss Savoie	Steven Hodge
Mrs. Alexander	Hank Abney
Miss P. Williams	Michael Boylan
Mrs. Yost	Maranda Bolden
Mrs. Canfield	Tim Boerger
Mrs. Moffit	Geo Gasser
Mrs. Rauch-Smock	Whitney Keir
Mrs. Weiler	Kris Minnick
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	Billy Stewart
	Marvin Smith
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	Matt Larson
	Matt Hough
	Josh Galvani
	Heather Metzer
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	Josh Hinkle
	Jess Bobenmoyer
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- When making extended trips, I will carry emergency equipment (snowshoes or skis, flares, tow line, waterproof matches, emergency food supply, extra fuel, compass and map.) I will avoid traveling alone in remote areas.
- I will not cross or travel on frozen lakes and streams until the ice is thick enough to support the weight of my snowmobile and passengers. When traveling in new areas, I will seek advice on ice conditions.
- I will keep myself physically fit
- for winter sports.
- I will always carry a first-aid kit.
- I will wear proper winter clothing and protective glasses or goggles.
- I will know the weather forecast. When the weather turns bad, I will turn back.
- I will keep my snowmobile in good operating condition.
- I will always carry a tool kit.
- I will stay on marked trails or marked roads open to snowmobiles. I will avoid cross-country travel unless specifically authorized.
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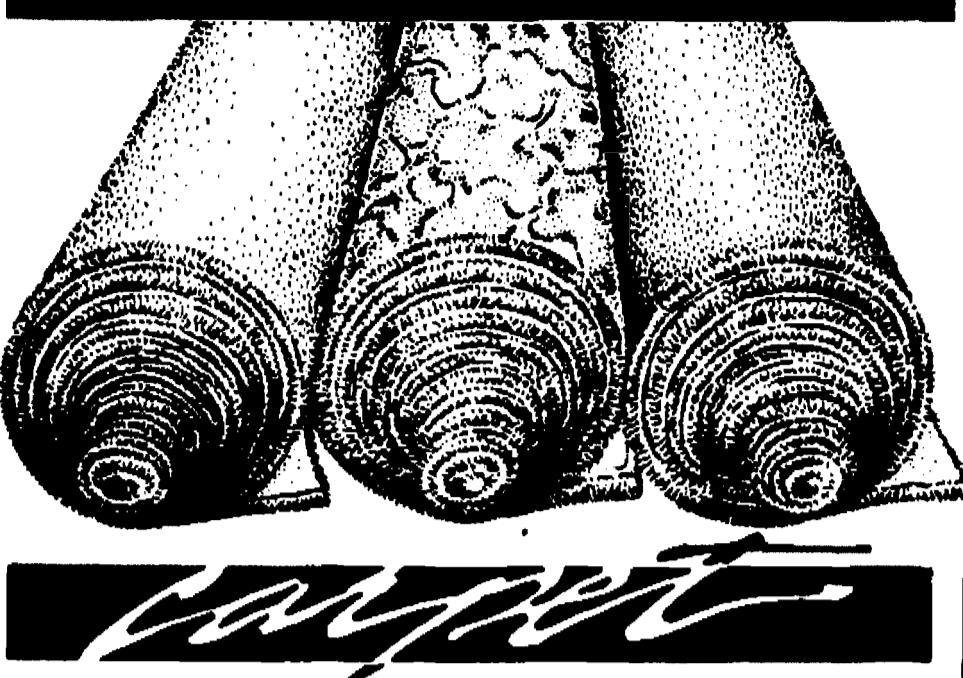
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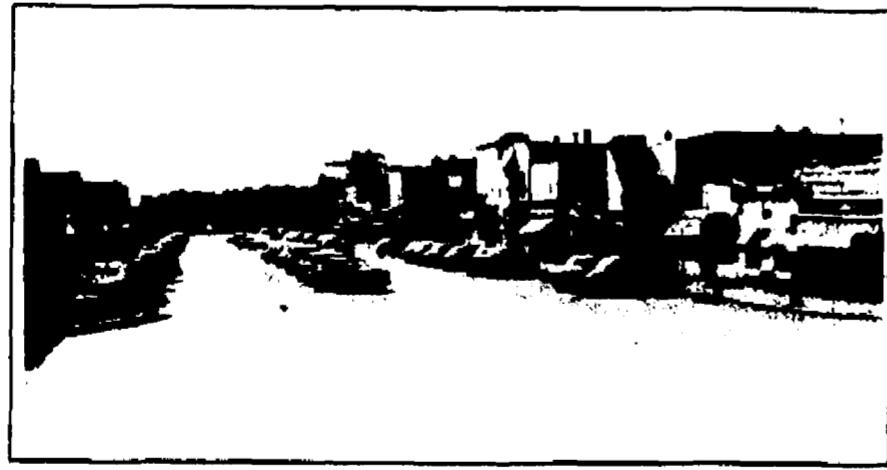
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### Historical Keepsake Edition

A brief look at the history of Crawford County

Traditionally, keepsake editions of the Avalanche have been reader favorites, kept for years and referred to many times.

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A HISTORICAL VIEW - Many photos of the county's past events and places will be included in this section.

The advertising deadline for this special section is Friday, January 19th.

### Early Stories and Photos Wanted

If you have photos of early places or events in Crawford County, or have stories depicting early life in the area, contact the Crawford County Avalanche to include them in the Historical Keepsake Edition.

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## Orion Nebula: a nursery for young stars

The constellation of Orion, the Giant Hunter, sparkles in Michigan's winter evening sky. At the midpoint of his sword, which is marked by three stars hanging from his belt, observers can see the Orion Nebula—a glowing cloud of gases where astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope recently found hundreds of new stars being formed.

"Surrounding many of the new stars are dark, swirling disks of material where new planetary systems may be forming," said University of Michigan astronomer Richard Teske. "This discovery is the best evidence yet that planets form by the same processes that make stars, and it strengthens arguments that planets must exist throughout the universe."

Observers who view the constellation of Orion are looking toward a vast region about 1,500 light-years away where an immense amount of gaseous and dusty material floats in space between the stars. The dust motes in this area are much smaller than dust grains blowing across Earth's deserts and beaches. Yet enormous quantities collect together with atoms and molecules of gases to form clouds measuring many light-years across. Scientists believe the force of gravity gathers these huge clouds of gases and dust together to make groups of stars. The clouds' own gravity acting over a time span of millions of years gradually condenses them, squeezing gas and dust together until hot shining stars are formed.

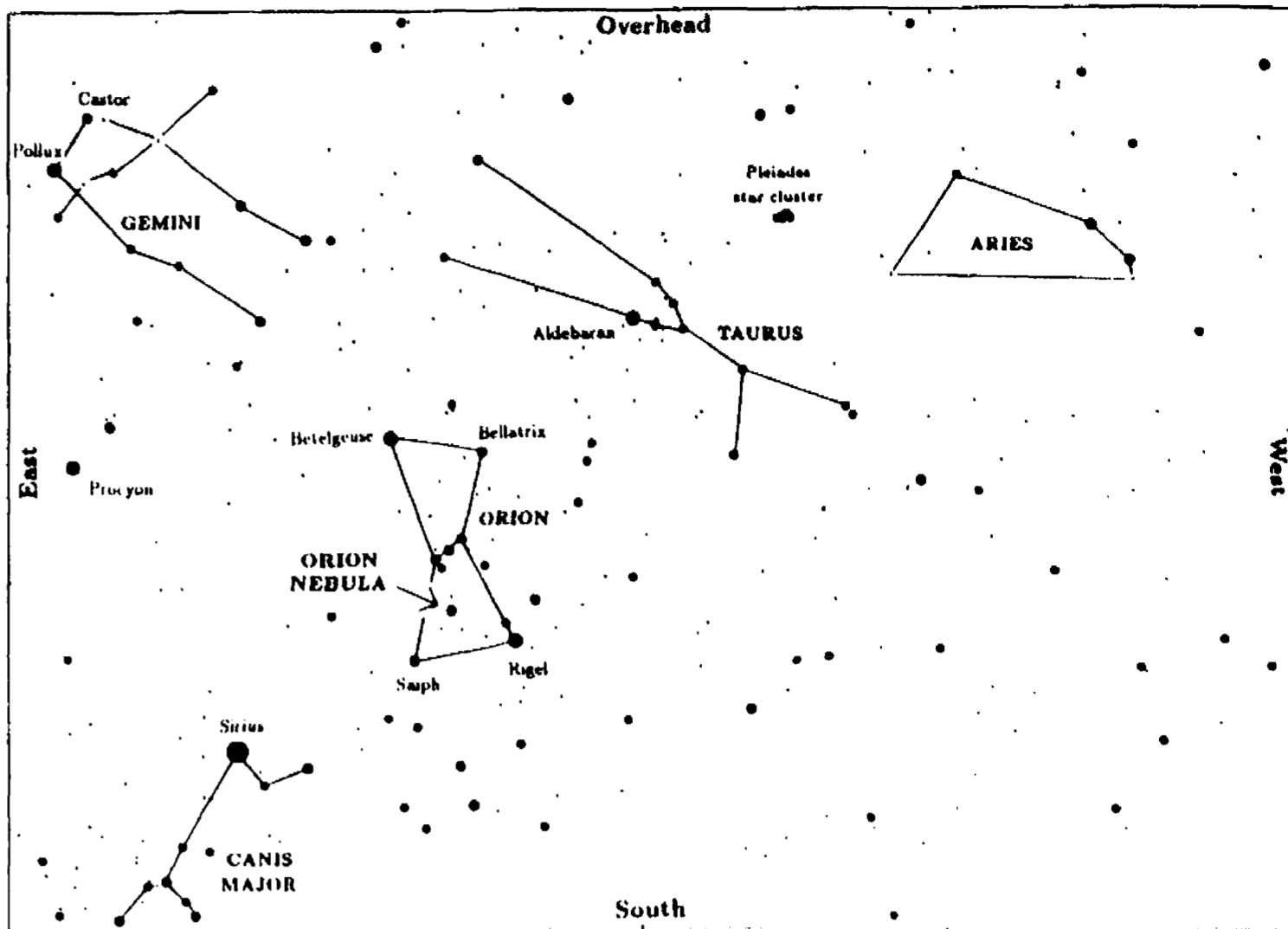
"If this is truly nature's method of making stars, it is probably an imperfect one," Teske said. "Astronomers believe that a lot of the star-forming material is left behind in the swirling cloud or disk surrounding the new star. Planets form later from this leftover material. Most scientists believe this is how the sun and planets in our solar system formed long ago. The space telescope's discoveries in the Orion Nebula are a stunning

### Nominations being accepted for board of directors

The Crawford-Roscommon Soil and Water Conservation District is presently accepting nominations for its board of directors.

Two board members will be elected at the district's annual meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 7.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to help conserve our local natural resources by serving on this 5-member board, contact Barb Stauffer at (517) 275-5231 today.



This star map is for use between 9 and 10 PM in mid January. To use it, face south and hold the map high in front of you.

confirmation of this broad brush picture. About 150 of the 700 newly-formed stars observed there are accompanied by disks containing enough leftover material to make planets."

of stars at the middle of the sword causes gas in space surrounding the stars to glow with a foggy luminescence. This iridescent region 15 light-years wide marks the place where the Hubble Telescope discovered the new stars and their associated disks, according to Teske.

"Viewed with the naked eye, the Orion Nebula looks like a fuzzy star. Binoculars show its greenish shape, and a small telescope reveals it still more clearly," said Teske. "The green light is produced when oxygen atoms in the gas emit their characteristic green wavelengths."

A chemical analysis of the distant nebula's gases was made years ago by astronomers who studied the wavelengths of the light that shines from it. They concluded that most of the 92 natural chemical elements are present in the Orion star-forming region in a mixture similar to the familiar chemical blend found in our sun and its planets," Teske said. "So planets formed there would be made of substances similar to the planets in our own solar system. It is possible that Earth-like objects could exist as companions to stars in the Orion Nebula, too."

## Nest boxes may attract wood ducks

Woodducks looking for tree cavities to nest in will take advantage of the nest boxes. If you have property along a river or stream, or your land has a pond or lake on it, consider putting up nest boxes at water's edge in midwinter.

Glenn Dudderar, extension wildlife specialist at Michigan State University, said the ducks start scouting for nesting sites as early as March, so boxes should go up in January or February.

Woodducks are shy secretive, small ducks. A suitable site for a nest box is secluded and fairly free of human activity.

The nest also needs to be protected against predators, especially raccoons.

"Raccoons are probably the greatest threat to the female and her eggs," Dudderar said. "Once the local raccoons learn what nest boxes are, they'll look for them."

Keeping raccoons out of the nest box is like keeping squirrels out of the bird feeder: you need to prevent them from climbing up the tree or mounting post or stretching across from an adjacent tree or structure.

To foil raccoons and other predators climbing up to the box from below, place a metal shield, either cylindrical or cone-shaped, around the tree or post supporting the box. The cone should extend outward at least 18 inches, and the cylinder should be at least 18 inches long. Both types should be 5 feet or more from the ground so predators can't jump over them.

"It won't be effective if predators can get to the box from above, so be sure to place nest boxes on trees or posts some distance away from other trees or structures that would be nest robbing could launch from," Dudderar advised.

Make the box from unplaned, weather-resistant lumber. Do not paint, stain or treat it with preservatives. The bottom should be about 10 by 12 inches, with four 1 1/2-inch drainage holes drilled through it. The back should be 24 by 12 inches and the front 23 by 12. Make the sides 12 inches wide and cut the top ends at a slant to match the different heights of the front and back. The roof should be about 16 by 12 inches so it overhangs the entrance.

Make the entrance hole an oval about 3 inches high and 4 inches wide. Inside, nail window screen or hardware cloth to the inside of the front so the baby ducks will be able to climb to the entrance hole to get out. Tilting the box slightly forward when you hang it will also help.

"When the ducklings exit the nest, they climb the screen ladder to the entrance hole and simply drop to the ground," Dudderar says.

Wood ducks don't gather nesting materials. Dudderar recommends putting about three inches of sawdust or wood shavings in the house for a nest base. Change this material and clean the house each year in midwinter.

Wood ducks aren't the only creatures that may find your nest box inviting. Woodpeckers, starlings or owls may also take up residence. To improve your chances of getting at least one wood duck family, put up several boxes in suitable habitat. Nest boxes should be placed far enough apart that a female nesting in one box can't see other boxes or hear ducklings hatching in them. Nest boxes too close together may encourage female wood ducks to lay all their eggs in one box or to abandon their own clutch of eggs when they hear ducklings in a nearby box, Dudderar explained.

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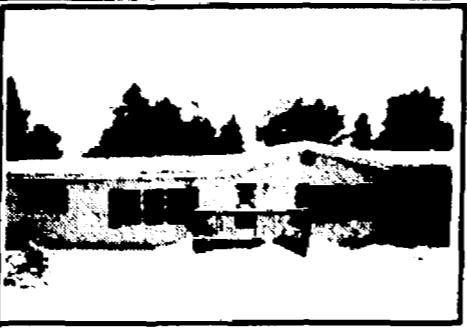
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**BEDROOM FOR RENT** Taking applications for a furnished bedroom located in an executive-style ranch house on the beautiful AuSable River. \$350 month, includes use of kitchen facilities, library, cable TV, telephone, hot tub, sauna and more. 348-2083. 4-11-18/2

**LARGE** Two bedroom, two bath mobile, with woodstove. Available January 29, on 2 1/2 acres, across from state land. Beaver Creek Twp., 1 1/2 miles from Roscommon. Working couple with one child only, one year lease with option to buy, no pets, good references, \$350 month, plus pay your own utilities, first and last month and security. 517-275-8733. 4-11-18/2

**TWO BEDROOM**, one bath, four rooms, plus porch house, near Lake Margrethe. \$375 plus utilities, one month security. 348-2113. 11-30/95f/2

**FOR RENT** Two nice homes, minutes from town. One on Thendara, the other on East M-72. Call Kay, 348-4864. 12/14/95f/2

**GRAYLING** Two bedroom house, 6272 Old Lake Road. \$425 month plus security, all utilities included. 348-4716. 4-11/2

**FOR RENT** One bedroom for single working adult. \$300 per month, utilities included. Call 348-8741. 4-11/2

## HALL FOR RENT

**JUST REMODELED**  
Dinners - Banquets  
Weddings  
Ask about table and  
chair rentals too!

GRAYLING LAGETS  
348-5287

**The Grayling Housing Commission** is taking applications for one bedroom apartments for senior/disabled persons.

## Qualifications:

1. Must be 56 years of age or handicapped/disabled
2. Maximum income level of \$18,250 for 1 person
3. Maximum income level of \$20,850 for 2 persons

Call 517-348-9314 if you are interested, or stop by the Grayling Housing Commission, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, MI and pick up an application.

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## 1. Real Estate

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## CORNELL REAL ESTATE

Corner of I-75 Business Loop and M-72 East  
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Serving the Real Estate needs  
of the Grayling area  
for over 40 years.



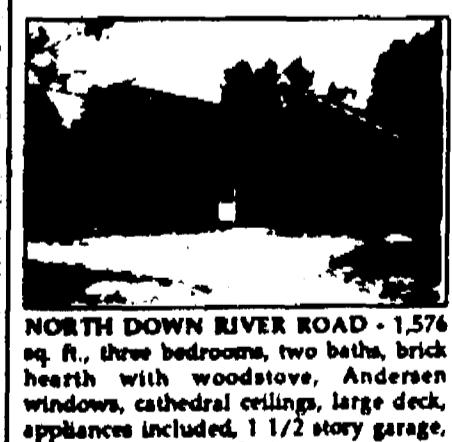
M-72 EAST - Two bedroom home with fireplace, two car garage and 2x6 barn, 2-story. State land across the road. 10 acres. \$54,000. (LM-882)



LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS HOME - Three bedrooms, 1 1/4 baths, wrap-around deck, large lot, only \$47,500. (N-568)



SHANGRI-LA SUBDIVISION - Neat starter home, two bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths on 4.5 acres. Large deck, two wood-burners. Secluded wooded acreage. Great for snowmobiling. \$34,500. (NN-616)



NORTH DOWN RIVER ROAD - 1,574 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two baths, brick hearth with woodstove, Andersen windows, cathedral ceilings, large deck, appliances included, 1 1/2 story garage, 3/4 acres. \$79,500. (MC-464)



HOME ON FIVE ACRES fronting on Stephen Bridge Road, three bedrooms, 10x10 shed, covered porch, deck, close to AuSable River and snowmobile trails, new vinyl siding. Only \$29,500. Reduced \$25,500. (LM-880)



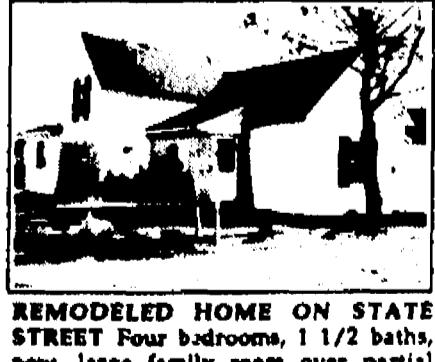
FAMILY HOME on three acres, three bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, wood heater, newer carpet and septic, garage and a workshop. Lots of room with over 2,100 square feet. \$79,500. (DL-25)



LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS HOME - Three bedrooms, two baths, additional insulation, fenced yard, new septic and drainfield in 1993. \$42,500. Reduced to \$34,500. (NN-608)



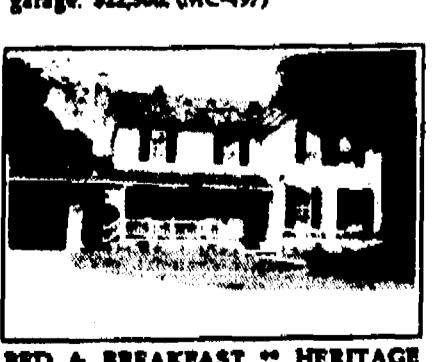
GRAYLING MOBILE ESTATES - 720 sq. ft., two bedroom mobile home in good condition. Refrigerator, new stove, dishwasher, hook-up for washer & dryer, garage. \$32,500. (MC-497)



REMODELED HOME ON STATE LINE - Four bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, new, large family room over partial basement, new furnace, roof, vinyl siding and much more. \$47,500. Motivated sellers. (N-565)



THIS LAKE MARGRETHE ACCESS HOME has recently been remodeled, three bedrooms, ceramic countertops, custom-built cabinets, new carpeting, large covered deck, carpet. \$39,500. (NN-618)



BED & BREAKFAST - HERITAGE HOUSE \*\* in Gaylord's Alpine Village. Five guest rooms, golf course, minutes to nine ski resorts. Immaculate turn-of-the-century home. (NN-615)



LARGE STATELY HOME IN TOWN - 1 1/2 lots, 1,482 sq. ft., three bedrooms, small basement, garage, home recently remodeled, all appliances included, new roof and siding. \$39,500. Reduced \$27,500. (NN-579)

517-348-6481 Or Toll-free 1-800-666-8896

## 2. For Rent

**Pizza Hut** 

Is Now  
Accepting Applications

Cooks and  
Waitress Staff  
Apply At:

**Grayling Pizza Hut**  
400 State Street  
Grayling, MI 49738

**3. Employment**

**ALLEN HOME HEALTH CARE** currently hiring HHA's for shift work and live-in cases in the Grayling area. One year experience required, please call 1-800-878-7607, Monday - Friday between 9 & 5.

-4-11-18-25/3

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED** \$500/ \$1,500 weekly potential. Process mortgage refunds in your area. Part or full-time. Call 1-216-233-4204. ext. 113, (24 hours).

-4-11-3

**3. Employment**

**INSTRUCTORS NEEDED** Part-time downhill skiing and snowboarding instructors, Wednesday-Saturday, call 348-9266 or apply in person at Hanson Hills.

-11-18/3

**WILDLIFE/CONSERVATION JOBS** Game wardens, security, maintenance, etc. No experience necessary, now hiring. For info call (219) 794-0010 ext. 8994, 9 am to 11 pm, 7 days.

-11-18-25/3

**3. Employment**

**HOUSEKEEPING & FRONT DESK** Applications being taken at Super 8, Grayling. Apply in person. No phone calls.

-11/3

**WHOLESALE COSTUME JEWELRY COMPANY** needs independent contractor to call on retail stores in N. Michigan and the U.P. Established territory, high commissions, some overnight travel required. Must provide own van. Potential to \$40,000. Please send letter or resume to: Personnel, P.O. Box 687, DeWitt, MI 48820.

-11-18/3

**SECRETARY, FACULTY OFFICE:**

Kirtland Community College in Roscommon, Michigan is seeking a full-time secretary in the faculty office. Primary responsibility will be to perform a variety of clerical and secretarial duties for the instructional division chairpersons, faculty members, and the faculty secretary. Minimum qualifications: High School diploma or GED and up to one year of college, vocational, or business school along with one to three years related work experience or a combination of education and experience commensurate with the requirements of the position; 60 wpm typing; ability to take and transcribe dictation and other verbal communications; proficiency in word processing and ability to learn a variety of personal computer software.

Salary range of \$7.79 to \$10.51 per hour commensurate with education and experience; liberal fringe benefit package. Applications will be accepted until January 22, 1996. Send cover letter, resume, list of three references to: Kathy Barber, Coordinator of Personnel and Business Services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Kirtland Community College is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

-11/3

**HEAD START TEACHING ASSISTANT** for Gaylord. High School diploma or GED required.

College course work and experience in child development and early childhood education preferred or two years experience in child care work may be considered. Completion of a CDA within three years of date of employment necessary. Transportation required. Salary range: \$10,464 - \$15,696 (41 weeks) plus benefits package. Applicants should submit resume and letter of interest identifying job applied for to: Personnel Officer, NEMCSA, 2373 Gordon Road, Alpena, MI 49707, no later than January 15, 1996. EOE. Upon request auxiliary aids and services will be made available to individuals with disabilities.

-11/3

**AUTOMATIC DRIVING INSTRUCTOR**

Must have experience and necessary tools. Must be State Certified in Unitized Structural Repair. Modern dealer shop with the latest equipment. Excellent pay and fringe benefits. Contact Jeff Sharp, Manager, Scheer Motors Body Shop, Grayling, MI. Phone 517-348-5451.

1/11/96f/3

**PARTS DRIVER** Grayling Motor Mall, 4365 M-72 East. Apply in person.

-11-18/3

**3. Employment****KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

is accepting applications for a part-time Library Technician within the Learning Resource Center, Monday-Thursday 2 - 9 pm. Qualified applicants will have a minimum of two years of college with liberal arts or general education emphasis, a minimum of one year of experience in public services in an academic library or equivalent experience, and familiarity with LC cataloging. Experience with microcomputers and minimal typing skills required. Pay range of \$8.77-\$12.28 per hour commensurate with education and experience. To apply, submit a resume, letter of application, and list of three references to Kathy Barber, Coordinator of Personnel & Business Services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Applications will be accepted until January 19, 1996. Kirtland Community College is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

(517) 348-5474.

8/24/95f/3

**EXPERIENCED CARPENTERS,** saw man (cornice) & painters. 517-821-6118.

-11-18/3

**PART-TIME HELP WANTED** Call Pete at First Impressions Sports-wear, 348-8627.

-11/3

**WAITRESSES AND DISHWASHERS WANTED** Apply in person at the Iron Gate Restaurant, located in the Hospitality House Motel.

-4-11/3

**NOW HIRING: CLERKS AND CASHIERS** Flexible hours! Heavy lifting! Non-smokers, non-drinkers! Norman's of Gaylord (behind Burger King).

11/10/94/3

**4. Services Offered**

**SUNSHINE CONSTRUCTION** Home repairs and improvements, roofs, siding, remodeling. Senior rates. Licensed and insured. Free estimates. 211 Alexa, Grayling. 348-6040.

7/27/95f/4

**SNOWBLOWER TUNE-UP** or repair. Free estimates. A. H. Rental and Repair, 348-1179.

11/23/95f/4

**COME AND ENJOY** beer battered fish and chips. \$5.25, all you can eat. 4:00 - 9:00 pm., Fridays at Spikes Keg O' Nails.

11/23/95f/4

**PROFESSIONAL FURNITURE REFINISHING AND REPAIR** at reasonable prices. Also quality refinishing supplies. Call (517) 348-2026.

10/24/92f/4

**WE SERVICE MOST BRANDS:** Washers, dryers, ranges, microwaves, dishwashers, disposals and water softeners. Jansen's Sales and Service. 348-5571.

6/25/91f/4

**PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRS** Rogers Piano Service, Fairview, MI 48621. Over 20 years experience. (517) 848-2262.

3/19/91f/4

**CHAIN SAW TUNE-UP** and repair service. A.H. Rental & Repair. 348-1179.

10/6/94f/4

**DRIVEWAYS OPENED** & snow banks moved. 4X4 loader/7' snowblower. After 8 pm, 517-821-5707.

LR1/18/96/4

**LAWN MOWER TUNE-UP** or repair. Free estimates. A. H. Rental and Repair, 348-1179.

3/30/95f/4

**ODD-JOB ENTERPRISES** Let Us Do Your Small Home Repairs FREE ESTIMATES — CALL Lic. Norm Schmeck (Pet.) 348-5132

No Odd Jobs Too Small for Odd Job

12/16/94

**Telemarketing**

Earn \$5 to \$10 per hour

No phone sales

Work in healthy, fun environment

Please contact Scott at  
348-7199 • 9 am - 9 pm  
Immediate Openings

4-11/3

**4. Services Offered****SMALL JOB SERVICES**

HOME REPAIR-BUSINESS REPAIRS

LEN RODNEY • 348-0880

10/11/95f/4

**We need your help...**

Seeking qualified home health aides to fill immediate cases in our 9-county area.

Weekdays - Weekends  
Night shifts

For more information,

Call 348-4383

and ask for Barb

**MERCY AMICARE HOME HEALTHCARE**  
Affiliated with Mercy Health Services from  
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EOE

**COMPLETE SEPTIC TANK**

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Jack Millikin, Inc.

348-8411

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Commercial or Residential

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**Mich-CAN Statewide Ad Network**

**MILITARY RETIREE** - Campus Supplement will pay the 25% allowed, plus 100% of all excess charges. For brochure, call 1-800-627-2824. Ext. 259.

**RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT** - Red Lobster is now hiring managers throughout Michigan! If you have 1 year of full-service restaurant management experience, send your resume to: Red Lobster, Orlando Division, P.O. Box 59330, Orlando, FL 32859-3330. FAX: 800-248-4932. EOE

**DISPLAY ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVE** Looking for ad sales professional. Experience in newspaper advertising/media sales and knowledge of ad agency process preferred. Excellent opportunity for goal-oriented individual. Compensation package includes base salary plus bonus, mileage reimbursement, company-paid benefit plan and excellent retirement plan. Please send resume with references and salary history to: Box W, Michigan Press Association, 827 N. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48906. EOE

**ARE YOU RECEIVING PAYMENTS** from a Land Contract You Own? Sell Now! We Pay Cash for Land Contracts Nationwide. R&J Funding, 1-800-543-5443.

**LIQUID WORMERS** not doing the job? Get HAPPY JACK TRIVERMICIDE. Gets hooks, rounds & tapers in dogs & cats. Available O-T-C. At farm & feed stores.

**55 CASH \$5** Immediate \$5 for structured settlements, annuities, lottery payouts, insurance claims and mortgages. 1-800-386-3582. J.G. Wentworth, the nation's only direct purchaser.

**CORVETTES 1953 to 1993!** Over 150! One Location! Mostly 1972 & older. FREE Catalog! (419) 592-5086 FAX: (419) 592-4242. PROTEAM, Box 606, Napoleon, Ohio 43545. CORVETTES WANT-ED!!

**DOCTOR BUYS LAND CONTRACTS** and loans money on real estate. Fast closing. Immediate cash. Deal directly with Doctor Daniels & Son, 1-800-837-6166, 1-810-335-6166.

**4 for 3**

**3 for 2**

**• BUY a 25-word\* Mich-CAN ad to run any week during January, for 3 consecutive weeks at the discounted rate of \$203.15 per week, and get the 4th week free!**

\*Extra words \$5 each.

Remember, frequency is the key to successful newspaper advertising, and Mich-CAN can help. Mich-CAN puts your 25-word classified ad in 107 Michigan newspapers and 1.4 million households for only \$239. That's roughly 17 cents per thousand households. **WHAT A DEAL!**

**Any Questions?  
Contact the  
Crawford  
County  
Avalanche**  
(517) 348-6811

**YES, I would like to run a 25-word\* ad in Mich-CAN!**  
\*Extra words \$5 each.  
 Run 4 consecutive ads — pay for 3 at \$203.15 per ad!  
(Valid only if ad starts during January 1996 and copy remains unchanged)  
 Run 3 consecutive ads — pay for 2!  
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**Please Attach This Form To Your Ad Copy**

**4. Services Offered**

**HAPPY TIMES DAY CARE** Now accepting children from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lots of loving care. Licensed, food provided. For more information call Dawn at 348-6787. 10/12/95f/4

**ARTWORK!** Signs, posters, logo's, paintings, cartoon caricatures. Perrin - 348-2052. -21-28-4-11/4

**ROOF SNOW AND ICE** removal. Reasonable rates, free estimates. Call 348-6184. -11-18/4

**I CHARGE BY THE JOB** not by the hour. I'll shovel the snow off the roof of your house or off your garage or off any sheds or out of your driveway or get the ice off your house or garage. 348-3054. -11/4

**SEWING, SEWING, SEWING** Bridal to zippers, tailoring to mending. Call Shirley, 348-1348. 5/18/95f/4

**SNOWPLOWING** Commercial and residential. 348-6005 anytime. 9/28/95f/4

**AVON: BUY OR SELL** Call Mary, independent rep., (517) 348-6823, leave message. 3/30/95f/4

**CEDAR CHESTS**. Cedar chests, want one? We will build one just for you. Just plain or as fancy as you like. Call P&A Hardware in Frederic. (517) 348-1400. -11-18-25-1/4

**ROOF SNOW REMOVAL**: Residential and commercial. Reasonable rates and excellent service. Please call 348-6377. -11-18/4

**LICENSED DAY CARE** All three shifts welcome, meals and snacks provided. No weekends. Beaver Creek. Call 275-8823. -11/4

**ARE YOU WORKING** to pay your babysitter? Affordable, dependable babysitting in my smoke-free home. Call 348-6231. -11-18/4

**ROOF SNOW REMOVAL** Excellent service, quality work, free estimates. 348-4329. -11-18/4

**NO CABLE TV?** Small dish rentals available. Now cable TV is available anywhere. Call Northern Electronics, 348-6944. 9/21/95f/4

**5. For Sale**

**MACINTOSH PERFORMA 550** with CD-ROM and four color jet printer, loaded. Claris Works, Quicken, Grolier Encyclopedia, hypercard. Computer desk tool. Extra disks and CD-ROM games, fax/modem, too. Great deal. \$1,900. or best offer. Call 616-328-4618 or leave message at 348-5344. 12/19/95f/5

**FLY TYING CLASSES** Six week course. Beginners class Tuesdays, starting 1/16/96 and 2/27/96. Intermediate class Mondays, starting 1/15/96 and 2/26/96. Call The Fly Factory, 348-5844. -28-4-11/5

**5. For Sale**

**FURNITURE REFINISHED** Chair rounds or spindle made. Most anything wood repaired. P&A Hardware in Frederic. (517) 348-1400. -11-18-25-1/5

**1992 ARTIC CAT EXT 550** All plastic goodies. Excellent condition, \$3,200. 348-4464. -11/5

**1991 ARTIC CAT SNOWMOBILE LYNX 340 CC.** 517-348-2649. -11-18/5

**20 CUBIC FOOT** Top freezer, Whirlpool refrigerator, about ten years old with ice maker, white, in good condition. Asking \$250. Call Ron at Cornell Insurance 348-6761. 1/4/95f/5

**FIREWOOD, MIXED HARDWOOD**, \$35. Cord delivered and stacked. Leave message, 517-348-6702. 11/2/95f/5

**APPLIANCES PARTS** available at Jansen's Sales and Service, 501 Cedar Street. Call 348-5571. 6/25f/5

**BEDLINER FOR 1993** or older Dodge, full-size pickup. Brand new over-the-rail model. \$139. (517) 348-5451. Ask for parts department. 12/7/95f/5

**KIRBY GENERATION THREE** Upright vacuum with brand new attachments. Cost over \$1,000, will sell for \$350. Phone 348-3182. Try often, shift worker. 8/3/95f/8

**SEASONED OAK** Delivering in Grayling, Higgins and Houghton Lake and Roscommon areas. 348-8924. 1/11/96f/5

**SNOWMOBILE 340 CHEETAH** Artic Cat, \$350. 348-6626. -11/5

**AKC GORDON SETTER PUPS** Springset bloodlines, excellent bird dogs and companions. Wormed, first shots, ready to go January 24, 1996. 906-524-5688. -11-18/5

**LIGHT COLORED, MATCHING** couch and chair. Great condition. \$750 for both. 275-8046. -11-18/5

**SCORPION SNOWMOBILE** for sale. Good condition, \$350. 348-1523. -11-18/5

**NATURAL GAS SPACE HEATER** good condition. Currently heating 800 sq. ft. house, \$300. Call 348-8627. -11/5

**6. Wanted**

**WANTED: CHILDCARE** for two-month old, beginning May, 1996. 10-12 days per month. My home or yours. Non-smoker required. 348-1544. -4-11-18/6

**WANTED: Large boxing** punch bag. Call 348-1138. 1/4/96f/6

**7. Miscellaneous**

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**85% SUCCESS/GROWING** 50% yearly. Home businesses, financial independence. Send \$7 and SASE for list of over 70 businesses. HJF, P.O. Box 308, Grayling, MI 49738. -11-18/7

**PROFESSIONAL FURNITURE REFINISHING** Chair caning and hard-to-find hardware. Victorian Millworks, M-55, one mile west of downtown West Branch. (517) 345-2540. -11-18-25/7

**WELL WORTH THE TRIP** to Victorian Millworks. Quality oak furniture and other home accessories. M-55, one mile west of downtown West Branch. (517) 345-2540. -11-18-25/7

**WELCOME WAGON HOSTESS'S** Call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562, if you are a newcomer, engaged, or a new mother. 8/3/95f/8

**8. Announcements**

**WOODEN PLAQUES** with a picture woodburned on it of your cabin, cottage, or home anywhere. Make great gifts for friends of their retreats. Call P&A Hardware in Frederic. (517) 348-1400. -11-18-25-1/8

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Custom Business Cards  
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**KENQUEST ACADEMY**

Kenquest Academy will be enrolling students throughout January for the last semester of this school year.

Kenquest Academy is a public school academy, located in the Grayling High School building. The curriculum emphasis is on social skills, employability and parenting skills. These three classes offer credit toward high school graduation and are offered between 1-3:30 pm. For more information, please call 348-5922. -11/8

**8. Announcements****8. Announcements**

**"The buck stops here"**

**9. Personals****9. Personals****Thank You****Amicare-Hospice**

Words cannot express my gratitude for the gentle and compassionate care that all your beautiful Hospice nurses kindly gave to my wife, Mary.

You all will always be very special people to me. God bless you all.

Leonard L. Sidwell -11/8

We would like to Thank all our friends and relatives who made our 50th Wedding Anniversary such a memorable occasion.

Thank you to our children and families for planning such a lovely party.

God bless you all.

Tom & Marie St. Germain -11/8

**Wedding Invitations**

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- great prices
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102 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling 517-348-6811

**Welcome Cassidy Marie**

7 lbs. 6 ozs, 20 inches long  
Born: December 31, 1995  
at 3:26 am

**The Proud Parents:**  
Kelly & Brenda Curtis

**Bob - Bob -  
Wake up Quick!  
"Maxine Papendick" is  
Really "66"  
Happy Birthday  
January 10th**

**The  
Grayling  
Youth  
Booster Club**

is now accepting fully deductible donations.

**Help us help  
the youth of  
Crawford  
County!**

Mail your contributions to:  
Grayling Youth  
Booster Club  
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Grayling, MI 49738

**Celebrating 40 years  
together**

**Chuck & Bernardine  
Denton**  
January 13, 1956

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Minimum charge \$5.00  
for first 10 words, 10¢  
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Please make it easy to read  
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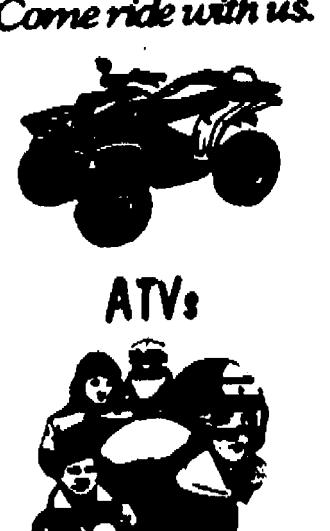
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\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.70	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
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**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS** MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY THE 15TH

**HONDA**  
Come ride with us.



**ATVs**

**ACCESSORIES**

**ARCTIC CAT**

**SNOWMOBILES**

**TERRY'S SPORT CENTER, INC.**  
Located 3 miles west of Grayling at Lake Margrethe  
517-348-7513

We sell a full line of snowmobiles, ATVs, and accessories for great winter fun.

**Fun 'n' Sun**

**SNOWMOBILE RENTALS**

Renting snowmobiles, clothing & accessories

3 Miles west of Grayling at Lake Margrethe (517) 348-2343

## 11. Automotive

**MUST SELL 1995 FORD F-150**  
P/U, blue, am/fm, air, chrome wheels, 4.9L, four year, 50,000 warranty, 14,000 miles on vehicle, all highway, \$15,000/OBO, call Nathan at 348-2297, nights 5:45-10pm.  
-11/11

**1985 BUICK RIVIERA** Runs great! Loaded! \$975. Call 348-2297.  
-11/11

## 11. Automotive

**1985 PONTIAC 6000** Does not run - but good for parts. Many new part. Repair and parts records available. Call 348-8653.  
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**1994 TAURUS STATIONWAGON**  
Very sharp, low down payment. Hal, 348-5965.  
12/14/95tf/11

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- > Free Estimates
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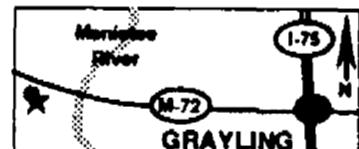
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